

Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan Community Engagement



“Between now and 2030, what should be the focus...”

This summary includes responses from the online poll and comment sheets (gathered at the Aug. 31, 2015 kickoff event and pop-up meetings)

Hundreds of people who took the time to consider and describe what they see as important issues to address to ensure Boulder remains a great city with a high quality of life in 2030. People described a wide range of viewpoints and offered potential solutions to many of the key issues. The responses below show the range of concerns about the priorities for the future but also quite a few themes that were common across almost all responses.

- **Common themes:**
 - Continue to protect and preserve the open space that protects Boulder's natural environment;
 - Housing affordability and traffic are the biggest issues people mention that should be areas of focus. There is concern across the board about increasing housing prices and the "affordable housing crisis". People offered a range of perspectives including: wanting their kids to be able to afford to live in their hometown; wanting people who work here to be able to live here; and wanting to ensure diversity in the population - especially for middle income.
 - Address traffic and congestion. People value the current structure for transit, bikes and pedestrians but better regional infrastructure and solutions are necessary and linked to housing issues.
- **Rate of Growth:** People are concerned about the rate of growth. For some people the solution would be to immediately limit growth; for others it would manifest in limiting future non-residential growth, yet others advocate ensuring that growth is possible for start-ups and jobs.
- **Neighborhoods and Community Character:** There were many comments about protecting neighborhoods and neighborhood character. Some favor allowing no changes or increasing housing, others favor allowing some changes to increase housing.



Following are the 424 responses to this question from:

1. Comment sheets from the Kick Off (103 responses) shaded in orange
2. Comment sheets from the pop up meetings (29 responses) shaded in green
3. Comment sheets translated from Spanish (85 responses) shaded in blue
4. Comment sheets from Intercambio students (16 responses) shaded in yellow
5. Online poll (278 responses) shaded in purple

Comments from the Kickoff on Aug. 31, 2015

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| Improving traffic so I can get to the trails. Train whistles are incredibly disruptive. Change rules so they don't have to blow or make roads go over or under. 47th Street near Diagonal / Foothill is definitely bothering me. Maintaining Quality of Life, not quantity. |
| Maintaining access to alternative transportation (Eco-pass for all!) and great bike paths and lanes. Responsible growth. Green energy (solar, wind, muni!) Education, teachers, salary Affordable housing - houses vs. condos. |
| Retaining neighborhood character. Do not up-zone neighborhoods. No urbanization of rural and suburban areas. No sustainable urbanism (it's just a buzz word). |
| Slow Growth. Affordability, Bottom-up planning. Diversity - avoid gentrification. |
| Green (LEED- certified) building! More protected bike lanes (yay Folsom!); more solar and wind and hydro - maybe. Getting friendly (lots of transplants here!) |
| Managing growth because limited growth is a big part of what keeps Boulder special. |
| We need to have county commissioners and BCHA that can recklessly build a LOW INCOME PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT in the middle of a quiet established county neighborhood without thinking about the neighborhood or whether they are REALLY serving their clients. |
| Accommodating desirable housing to address the jobs/population imbalance (which causes huge in-commuting). |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clean up the creek for healthy swimming - protect open space - keeping young people moving in - controlling/limiting growth |
| Affordable housing for the middle class, more multifamily housing, more climate action sustainable clean energy infrastructure. |
| Improving all sections of the city, not just the popular/rich areas, preserving open space, preserving our magnificent views, being creative, innovative, and diverse. Taking care of our citizens and city. |
| affordable housing, including multifamily (allow some height), water and other effects of climate change, how to put brakes on elitism and lack of any diversity. |
| establish more civilized communities, alternative energy, world peace, free bus system in town, and school safe communications. |
| Limit growth upward & sideways. Find a solution to the congestion on all trails from visitors from out of town. Limit use and destruction of trails by dogs. Monitor compliance of rules and regulations on the mall. Think about the aging population and their needs. |
| keeping housing prices reasonable so people can live where they work if they choose to. This will also help reduce commute traffic. Mountain bike trails, green energy, and commuter transit. |
| reducing commercially zoned land, improving mass transit on major roadways leading to and from city, maintaining geographic and height restriction and open space. Funding housing for university and federal labs middle income employees. |

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| solving income differences, affordable housing, university expansion and retention of graduates. |
| How to readjust land use and zoning roles to move away from the suburbia and better share our most valuable resources: land. Land use and zoning should address climate, density and transportation. |
| increasing ethnic, racial and economic diversity. reducing traffic congestion, maybe Boulder shouldn't promote itself (housing demand exceeds supply, so keep it a secret how great Boulder is?) |
| Manage growth, thought leadership - neighborhood, open/space, community education. |
| Road maintenance, preserving open space, preservation of established neighborhoods, a better City Council then we have now, not being bullied by the city & county of Boulder. |
| Restoring Folsom to 4 lanes, preparing for invasion of traffic when Google opens, housing for people who might have to otherwise move away when Google opens and property taxes and land values increase. Preserve four lanes to permit entry & exits to and from neighborhoods there and safety. |
| Focus on diverse community & accommodating housing for working/middle class. Boulder is becoming too exclusive - rich & white. Lower class & service workers should be welcomed. |
| Maintaining open space, character of neighborhoods, and biodiversity |
| Valuing diversity! Clean air sovereignty, clean water sovereignty & wise use |
| Food security & sovereignty (no GMOs!) |
| housing security |
| psychological preparedness for crises that are coming |
| all green & local energy sovereignty |
| More families, aged folks |
| Better transportation |
| Keeping growth to less than .01% per year |
| Increase diversity |
| Decrease pollution // toxins |
| Liveable, affordable housing options for commuters |
| expansion ecopass |
| ability for mobile homeowners to buy their lots. |
| Making sure Boulder doesn't turn into Aspen |
| controlling growth |
| 1. Acquiring more open space |
| 2. Limit development esp. in established residential neighborhoods |
| 3. Not "rightsizing" main through lanes |
| 4. Extracting concessions from developers to support greater stress on infrastructure (adopt a rd) acquire more open space |
| 5. Architectural focus - it is currently abysmal |
| Listening to county citizens. Not using outlying "INFILL" for their benefit at the expense of non-city denizens |
| 1) higher density housing (increasing it) |
| 2) affordable housing |
| 3) sustainability |
| -carbon footprint per person and everything we can do to reduce it |
| controlling growth |
| the muni (I hope it goes, but we may need a plan B). Either way, leadership on climate change/sustainability |
| probably transportation |
| affordable housing seems awfully tricky |
| - the Homeless |
| - traffic |
| - no assault weapons or concealed guns allowed |
| - feeling of safety |
| quality of primary education - vouchers! |
| more museum culture |
| dedicated space for farmers market w/ easy traffic |

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| attracting really great conferences + known for east of holding a conference improving the culture of CU to a kinder values based more effective recycling program |
| How to plan for the limits to growth - we cannot keep growing at 1%/year forever. When do we stop? What do we do then? |
| + Affordable housing for those not making 40K + Flood Mitigation |
| ...more Open Space! Purchase more! ...more wildlife protection + re-introduction of extirpated species! ...clearing + flow-restoration of riparian areas ... Light rail + trains from Denver/Ft. Collins, etc. |
| - affordable housing - sustainable growth - density - multi-modal transportation - planning for aging public facilities |
| Vibrancy + walkability Extraordinary catalyst projects that are rich in residential for middle class, with services, retail & office - Cultural use - Great Architecture with character |
| Recognize Boulder's historic + existing strengths - & try not to destroy what works here. Ex. do not approve height exemptions for downtown construction. Do not prioritize increasing the number of corporations + companies moving into Boulder, thereby creating a spiral of price escalations in real estate and a housing shortage. + get Fastraks back on track! Also: No right-sizing. It ignore the needs of Boulder's residents - + our opinions! |
| growth, transportation - lightrail must come |
| Not to expand development sites + high rising building by smashing away our open spaces & nature!! City of Boulder should have more control of future vision (to preserve beautiful Boulder)! |
| Stop run away Development Not making Jobs/Housing worse Not building more Big Ugly Supersized Building. B.J. + Pearl West are a Disgrace |
| Adding commercial centers where there are none to make city more walkable and reduce out greenhouse gases by owning our utilities |
| Continuing to be an example to other cities as a model to manage growth and quality of life |

Comments from Pop-up Meetings

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| Offering after school and summer camp programs that are more enriching for kids with CCAP. For example, the YMCA's biking camps are not allowed under CCAP, nor are any of BVSD's programs. |
| Affordable Housing |
| Better bike paths, more hiking, more accessible opportunities for elementary children. |
| Continuing our environmental efforts in making sure we are as sustainable as possible. |
| I feel like Boulder is too exclusive and elitist. |
| I think Boulder needs more wilderness. |
| affordability |
| Rental affordable for families and students. The amount of advertising for week is a bit excessive. |
| Be mindful and plan to reduce congestion with growth. Make it easy for people who work in Boulder to shop here. |
| Community and energy sustainability. |
| More skate parks. |
| Car and bike sharing. |
| Kids future for better. More parks. |
| Racism, equity for low-income residents. |
| Focus on getting rid of racism. |
| Not destroying animal habitats. |
| More bike paths in town, enlivening South Boulder (esp. Table Mesa), more diversity, less vagrancy. |
| Children - permaculture, organic farming, love. |
| Affordable housing. restricted traffic in the CU / downtown area - shuttles? |
| Zoning estate residential, rural residential to encourage "tiny" houses e.g. 800 sf - for seniors - opening their 4-bedroom homes for large families. |
| Affordable housing. |
| Free transportation or greatly reduced. |
| Making and keeping city affordable for middle class families like mine :) |
| Sustainable living practices. |
| Environmental preservation. Healthy communities - physically, socially, and economically. Smart growth that continues to provide a strong economic climate for new business. |
| The future growth will have to "out", meaning using open space or "up" new height regulations. Keep Boulder distinct. |
| Higher density of people is GREAT*. Higher density of cars is not so great. We need more mid-class housing. |
| Land use - limit building height; allow homeowners more flexibility in remodel / ADUs; affordable housing for middle income families; limit impact on open space. |
| Resolve the traffic congestions (some "unconscious" bicyclist should be ticked); Rapid development – too many red brick buildings blocking view. Need more affordable housing; waitlists too long for senior housing. More multi-cultural events please! Please more laws (or enforcement) of safe cycling. |

Comments Translated from Spanish

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| More sports for children and parents, family resources and a safer space for people. |
| Organizing open positions better, by specialty. |
| To keep up maintenance of green spaces like parks and recreation centers and make sure this remains a safe place for everyone. |
| that our roads are always under construction. |
| - office jobs accepting more Hispanics. |
| - getting closer to God |
| recycling, caring for nature, children's education. To be better human beings and help those who needed it, in particular in educating all children. |
| Keep it up, keep helping (the Hispanic community) |
| I don't like that marihuana is so accessible. |
| I want it to stay the same |
| Keep it up, every time the community needs help, the city has helped. |
| the environment |
| more activities for youth and more accessible. rental housing |
| Widen the roads |
| Improve public transportation |
| take better care of our youth |
| More activities for the whole family. |
| I would like to see more parks and areas to walk and meditate. I love Boulder. |
| I like to live in Boulder, people that live here are very nice, we feel very safe living here. |
| I hope my children conserve our water and our land. |
| We need to protect our planet. |
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Translated from Spanish from participants at the Cumbre de Mujeres, a yearly conference for Latina women and youth held at CU-Boulder.

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| Focus on improving public transportation. Focus on including all communities. |
| Improving schools. Ecological: not so many cars. Have more resources of Latino community. |
| Controlling growth, maintaining and improving open space. Integrate the Latino and Anglo communities. |
| Keep caring for the environment, more programs for teen education, more programs for families. |
| More programs to help Latino community, programs to safeguard nature, more schools with access for Latinos. |
| More affordable and low-income housing for elders and immigrants and people with disabilities. |
| Affordable transportation for immigrants that do not drive, elders and people with disabilities. Improve education and mental health and therapy for people with disabilities. |
| Have a group that helps people when they have problems with the police. To be able to make a complaint to the manager without fear. |
| More bilingual availability (workshops, resources, etc.) |
| Make housing less expensive! More spaces for Latinos (both restaurants and also parks). A less pejorative place for Latinos. |
| Public transportation for elderly. |

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| More programs aimed at Latinos. |
| Security and housing. |
| Focus on kids and youth, need to make sure people are respectful and there is equality for all. |
| Preventing contamination. |
| Yoga and meditation classes, festive events for the community. |
| More parks for exercising, more workshops and talks about emotional intelligence. |
| Offer affordable homes and neighborhoods. Translate materials on public events into Spanish. More cultural events for Latinos. |
| Keep caring for the environment; focus on health, on helping immigrants. |
| The environment, health/healthcare. |
| Don't divide people based on origin; gun control; be more cohesive as a community. |
| On youth and education; affordable housing to rent or buy; generate employment. |
| Focus on inclusivity and diversity, more opportunities for Anglos to learn Spanish, more participation of Latinos in decision-making at the city. |
| Helping residents become citizens, so they can vote. |
| I think we need to focus more on technology. |
| Create a community where people are more connected. Strengthen neighborhoods so that there is a sense of being neighbors. Improve cross-cultural relations. |
| Keep it beautiful, clean and in order. More affordable housing. |
| Raising strong, resilient and powerful daughters, empowering Latina women, assisting families with immigration issues. |
| More education for parents to be close to their kids. |
| Education for parents and children. |
| Keep up the regulations and also programs that provide assistance. |
| More free events for the community. |
| Focus on translating materials sent before the elections, reduce the cost of renting in Boulder (it's too expensive), build more affordable homes for low income families. |
| More employment opportunities; more cultural education, involving youth in politics, health, relations, etc. |
| Work on making it a more friendly place. Cross-cultural education, community services that are intercultural. |
| Be more open to "growth" of the city. Open more movie theaters and movie forums to discuss the movies. |
| Getting people more involved. |
| Keeping clean the water at the reservoir, more paths for bikes, that people respect cyclists. |
| Affordable housing for young professionals, Affordable rent for one-income families. Make more bike lanes on streets so bikes don't have to invade sidewalks/pedestrians. |
| Affordable housing, avoid urban sprawl and develop business centers instead of more shopping malls, more intersection among cultures, inclusion. |
| More integration and community participation. Affordable housing. |
| Don't build tall structures so we can all see the mountains. |
| Improve commercial structures. Have true affordable housing for the less well off. |
| Make the city safer. Help with immigration and education for immigrants. |
| More information on security, keep it safe. Widen the roads. |
| Education, family, freedom. |
| No more marijuana consumption, keep up dual language instruction in schools, focus on healthcare. |
| Focus on the potholes and removing snow. |
| Fix the potholes and remove snow when there is too much. |
| More programs for Latinos. |
| Community outreach should be bicultural to make people aware of county benefits. On immigration help create awareness, advocate. More meetings in the community to help them be a stronger community together. |
| Focus on families and support for those who live in poverty. Improve housing and regulations for those who live in mobile home parks. |
| More inclusive of Latino community. |
| Transportation, light rail train to Denver. Cultural integration. Traffic, reduce bike lane on Folsom. |

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| More bilingual and multi-cultural services. Programs for youth and students. |
| Educate cyclists, they often don't use the bike lanes. RTD is too expensive. I want a Savers and a Dollar Store! |
| More affordable housing, it is too expensive. Lower taxes, please. |
| Make sure there is no vandalism and everything stays clean. Please keep all the activities. |
| RTD for all! |
| Focus on educating cyclists so that their road safety is ensured. Also RTD for all. |
| Develop education/learning programs. |
| Keep taking care of nature and the environment, and animals. |
| Care for natural resources, keep it up. Keep motivating the community to eat healthy and exercise. |

Latina youth at the conference also provided feedback about what they think are the biggest issues in Boulder. Their responses include: high cost of transportation and bus passes, retail items and housing, and the number of homeless people.

Comments from Intercambio Students

Students studying English were asked "What do you like about Boulder? What is working well? Each form had space for 3 answers. The responses are entered nearly verbatim with only a few spelling changes. The students primary languages include: Nepali, Chinese, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Korean, Farsi, Persian, Portuguese and French. The length of time they have lived or worked in Boulder ranges from 2 months to 5 years.

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| a. Regional train service and metro bus. |
| b. Raise the minimum wage. |
| c. Marijuana illegal because most [studies] are having negative effect |
| d. Should lower the rent range. |
| e. Decrease college tuition. |
| f. Shouldn't take grocery tax. |
| a. Building, residential building traffic in the city. |
| b. I think the increasing price of the rent or buying an apartment in a big problem. The amount of rent for a residential apartment is increasing every year with a high rate. So, the city has to have a plan for that to prevent this trend because it makes problem for citizens. |
| a. Bike path, need to be wide enough, and directs clearly. |
| b. Festival variety. All the festivals become a farm market, nothing really interesting. |
| c. Language gap. People don't want to talk deeply when they see you are a foreigner. |
| d. When I ride along Boulder Creek Path, I can't see clear directions. There are many cross paths and some part is broken. Some part is along with highways, which is dangerous. |
| a. You need to have more events to involve people from other countries – promoting cultures and showing that everyone is the same. |
| b. There are no lights on lots of highways, which makes driving at night harder. |
| c. Maybe more activities that get together people from different countries might be good. |
| a. A lot traffic need more lanes or ways to circulate in Boulder |
| b. Clean the snow even in narrow streets. |
| c. Help the immigrants to have equal opportunities – be proactive with the Latin community. Thank you for all you do for the community. |
| a. Parking lots in downtown area. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Public lighting, many streets are too dark. c. Homeless people, more and more around. d. I'd like to see more outdoor events public / fun events related to music, arts, sports, etc. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The price for rents are very expensive, provide more affordable housing. b. The price for public transportation is expensive too. c. I like the opportunity to participate in community events. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The price of rent is very expensive. b. The big traffic congestion. c. More houses projects. d. More parking in Boulder; more activities to include another culture, more farmers markets here. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The price for rent is expensive. b. The city should have more lights in the street at night. c. More space to park close to downtown. d. Try to get more information about the issues for the immigrants and how to resolve. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. I don't like that homeless people are taking big part of parks and streets. It scares me to let my son out when they [are around]. b. Traffic is getting worse every year. c. Buildings in Boulder wants to get higher and higher which will [] a lot of view for mountains. d. I really don't want City of Boulder agree to builders for building high condos or other high buildings (it won't be the same). Boulder band shell should have a lot more concerts. Maybe there should be a highway going to Estes Park around Boulder? LOVE BOULDER the way IT IS! |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We need to enclose the bus stop in winter. b. Please resolve the traffic congestion in Boulder. c. Provide affordable housing in Boulder. d. I think make the events and performance as la Fiesta, multicultural and friendly performance is good for people. e. Provide Library books that with emotional intelligence, inclusiveness and resilience. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The rent is expensive and the house very expensive. b. Affordable housing. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Housing and car traffic are the biggest issues, because they can to finish with many nice things in the city. b. Wildlife need to be preserved too, because this is very nice here. c. I think that a "train" connecting east – west by Broadway and north – south by Arapahoe Ave. can be a good solution for the car traffic. But this "train" needs to be some ecological tool, using for example sun energy. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Boulder is a council very important in this country. I know that will continue growing and prospering. In 2030 will have more population, more campus of investigation, maybe 2 or 3 stadiums more? b. Boulder Co. is a magical mountain town, offering the cultural amenities of a city and the outdoor activities of a vacation resort. I love this town and I hope that this site to be a great opportunity for everybody. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Change the adult age from 21 to 18 years old. b. Develop the healthcare. c. Continue to protect the environment and not allow more constructions. d. No [additional comments or suggestions], indeed, the city of Boulder was welcome me very well. |

Comments Gathered from the Online Poll

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| Affordable housing for middle income families. |
| Affordable housing, municipalization. |
| Affordable housing. alternative energy. |
| Controlling growth, which currently is too much too quickly, and improving traffic flow. |
| Creating more affordable housing |
| Density, crowding, traffic. Can't go places cuz of gridlock. Trails beat up from over use. |
| Existing infrastructures, maintaining roads, keep open space open minimize MORE building. |
| Gg |
| Having FREE dairy alternative milks at cafés. |
| Helping reduce homeless in boulder |
| Housing Status quo. Transportation improvments |
| Housing. Boulder is not affordable. |
| How are we going to handle the increase in both work and residential population. |
| Keeping Open Space and not filling it all w/ high density housing. |
| Keeping the middle class in Boulder. They are being squeezed out and pushed to the periphery. |
| Less development |
| Limiting growth, because it's ruining what once made Boulder a great place to live. |
| Maintaining low density and open spaces. |
| Making Boulder a more welcoming and friendly place for the homeless and military affiliates. |
| Preserving open space. |
| Preserving our water supply. Slowing development. |
| Public transit |
| Quit hiding behind the Boulder Myth. |
| Reducing GHG emissions. |
| Reducing the size, namely the width of Emergency Vehicles in the Boulder area. |
| Remaining sustainable. |
| SOLVING the Transportation mess. |
| Stopping burning fossil carbon, i.e., the climate crisis -- sometimes called global warming. |
| Traffic congestion |
| Traffic congestion and alternate modes of transportation. |
| Transforming from big town to a small city with fully functional neighborhoods |
| affordable housing |
| better public transportation, remembering that many Gunbarrel residents pay Boulder city taxes, |
| encouraging local food production, limiting development, activities that reduce pollution |

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| greatly improving wheelchair access throughout the area. |
| i don't know enough about what challenges we are facing to have any advice. |
| maintaining the beauty and open space. |
| making sure less and less middle class people can afford housing. |
| managing growth |
| over population and too much growth. |
| preserving the integrity of the natural and built environment within Boulder. |
| preserving what is existing while also making sure to allocate space for affordable housing. |
| public transportation and bike paths. |
| redevelopment of the Civic Area. |
| relieving the congestion everywhere- roads, trails, open space, ROADS |
| somehow making boulder livable for working families |
| Less micromanaging, smaller taxes, putting what taxes we have towards infrastructure and not pet projects. No annexation of County properties. |
| Maintaining and enhancing management of those things that make Boulder great: 1) promotion of policies that stimulate and support an inclusive community; and 2) preservation of the natural setting As well as a building more resilience and sustainability into our infrastructure to best cope with future changes: 1) Municipalization and clean energy 2) Sustainable development 3) More awareness, attention, and investment in water and natural resource protection |
| Water Affordable housing Bike safety and more lanes Community Local food Energy production at affordable cost |
| Slowing down the pace of growth for both business growth and that of residential/condo/apartments. It's gotten out-of-hand. I don't think anyone moved here to get overcrowding and traffic jams. |
| Tear down all the tall buildings. Make more on and off street parking. Make new buildings, including all apartment buildings, have their own parking. I see new low-income apartment buildings with one parking space per unit. Really? Who was the moron who came up with that idea. Yeah, I did count them. Obviously you planners are rich and don't know what real work is. If you were poor you would know that poor people have to drive a long way to find work and many workers share a single apartment. When you get home from work to one of the low-income buildings you have to circle the block s and park on the street where your car gets vandalized and it annoys the merchants and other residents k because there is nowhere on the street for them. What if you have guests or a party or a wedding? Good luck guests, there is no where to park. Are you city planners rich yuppies that never worked a real job in your life or do you just have your hand in the developer's till? How about you start living in a tent at Eben G. Fine Park and see where people go to entertain friends when they live in housing that doesn't have parking. I talk to people who say they avoid Boulder and shop elsewhere because it is too congested, there is nowhere to park, and it is too dangerous to bike because the streets are narrow and crowded and the new bike lanes, well they make sense to exactly no one. OH did I forget to mention the homeless. The blinking pedestrian crossings will kill someone. When I come up to one in a car I slow down to a crawl and look as carefully as possible irrespective of if the lights are blinking. Why? Because cyclists and joggers run up to the crossing, press the button and continue into the street before a car has a hope of stopping. Some run across without even pressing the button. A crosswalk at a traffic light has a pedestrian signal telling people when it is safe to cross. Are we all so obese that we can't walk to the street corner to cross? Even my Dad can walk to the corner with his cane rather than risk crossing at one of those blinking light monstrosities. If you need a crossing for those lazy folks, do what other communities do, put in a normal traffic light with pedestrian crossing lights. The parking in Boulder discriminates against the physically impaired and the elderly. They can't get the car door open wide |

enough to squeeze out because the lines in the parking lots are so close together. I suppose everyone who has arthritis could ask the doctor for a handicap sticker, or you could just paint the lines farther apart and plan with more parking and few and shorter buildings. OH, and about the homeless. When my kids were younger I told them, never, never go into an alley in Boulder. Many homeless people are mentally ill and way too many are violent. My kids and I have several times seen them beating the hell out of each other. If you build a homeless shelter they will come, like putting sugar out for ants. Many of the homeless should be in an institution but instead they are on the streets of Boulder. I don't know why the merchants put up with it. Many people tell me they avoid Boulder because they have had bad experiences with aggressive panhandlers. I could write a book about how crappy planning done by morons made our town too dense and turned into another rundown looking crowded and congested Midwestern city. You ruined Boulder, now how about you go to California and "fix" it.

Growing auto traffic problem, noise from highways and streets, high cost of housing, limiting development and density of population.

How to not sell out to corporate interests . . . how to walk the talk of the BVCP and BCCP . . . and how to utilize local government to lead the world in innovative community building practices. A unified community, especially with the current base of Boulder, is a strong one; but our city remains divided..

Making key bike routes like the one from Wil Vil to campus more inviting and safe! Making Boulder an inclusive place to settle by providing a variety of housing options/prices to avoid gentrification of such an amazing place to live and work.

While Boulder's growth restrictions and green belt around the city are great for the city itself, the city has become unaffordable for many wishing to live in the city. Additionally, while traffic within the city is manageable, the rush hour coming into the city in the morning and leaving the city is heavy. The green belt, while very nice from an aesthetic sense, only creates only more smog as people are forced to drive farther to get into Boulder. I think Boulder should focus on increase the amount of residential in the city, while slowing the growth of commercial businesses. While the height limit is good for preserving the views of the Flat-irons, I believe the city can allow taller buildings in some areas and not destroy the view for other people. Instead of focusing on the rail line that won't be built for 30 years, I think the city should try to focus on building a better regional bus system to try give commuters an alternative to driving. Until recently, I lived with my parents nearby Foothills Parkway. While Foothills is great for moving through the city by car, the road creates a lot of noise for the residents nearby. If possible, Boulder should improve the sound barriers on either side of the boulevard.

Changing human behavior to prevent dog poop from continuing to pollute our beautiful open spaces and water. I have a solution that will work if anyone is willing to listen.

Keep Boulder affordable. At a minimum this adds necessary diversity to Boulder. Uniting the university to the rest of the town benefits the community and especially the students.

Good design development... don't compromise, insist on developers' sacrificing some profit for more appealing buildings, don't over build, keep the building heights manageable so Boulder can maintain its charm Traffic Diversity Global warming impacts Arts Danger of becoming too exclusive--how to balance diversity with market pressures

Accommodating growth and all of the people who want to live and work in Boulder. Everyone deserves to be here. It is not a community only for multi-millionaires. We need to build much more housing to bring supply up to demand. This can not be a bubble that shuffles its problems to neighboring communities.

Preserving the middle. Helping families stay here. Helping families feel welcome in a community which feels occasionally to fast, expensive and elitist. Preserving our character as a city. Planning our growth more appropriately. We need to take a SERIOUS look at how many jobs we can have here in Boulder, and how many people we can house. Figuring out how to continue our "incubator" status, and helping larger companies find space outside the city limits. We need to figure out how to structure our transportation grid in a way that works for everyone-- not just cyclists and people who live right near a bus station. We need to work on better regional relations with communities who are welcoming our overflow to build a better transportation system for them. We know we will grow, the question is how much, how fast and what kind.

Affordable housing, the homelessness problem, traffic reduction, make the great transportation system even better.

1) Not increasing traffic problems. This means not increasing density, and not decreasing street capacity (like the current mess on Folsom) UNTIL we successfully shift more trips to other modes of transport from autos. The best opportunity to do this is to municipalize the woeful local RTD system, and bring it into the 21st century. 2) Maintaining the character of Boulder and its current neighborhoods. No upzoning, and no changes or exceptions to the height limits that have served us so well for so long. Where changes in employee density at local businesses have greatly increased in-commuting (due to more employees per square foot), we should selectively look at rezoning to relatively low density residential to control traffic load. 3) Realizing that we will simply not be able to create more affordable housing by increasing supply. The demand to live here far outstrips what can be built. Instead, if there is enough community concern about people who provide local services (teachers, nurses, city employees, restaurant staff, etc.) being able to afford to live here, we will need to provide subsidized housing. 4) Less ideological magical thinking, and more pragmatic solutions to inevitable problems.

Job / Work balance. Traffic. Out of control growth of big, ugly, out of place supersized buildings. 1) Job / Work Balance. Stop out of control growth of commercial areas. We have 105K residents & 105K jobs. 20% of residents are students, 20% are non-work age, kids or retirees. 20% Out-Commute to jobs. That leaves 41K living and working in Boulder, so we have to import 64K workers. Don't make the ratio worse! 2) Traffic - Address the current in-commuter traffic problem BEFORE growing more! Stop adding to the problem before fixing it. 3) New development should fit into the surrounding community and the city of Boulder. Example of a project that should never have been approved is PearlWest. Doesn't fit into the West Pearl district. Adds 300+ commuters to downtown that have to drive into work.

The Band Shell area. It needs to be revamped. I realize it's old but in my opinion it's an eyesore. It should be replaced with something natural looking like red rock & or wood. It's behind the times & has not grown with the city. Some landscaping would be great too.. It's visually lacking for an area that is in the heart of the downtown area.

welcoming diversity, preserving established neighborhoods and open spaces, maintaining and enhancing recreational opportunities for people at all income levels, and reducing traffic congestion.

Affordable Housing! I've visited the San Francisco Bay Area where tech companies like Google have driven up housing prices to ridiculous and unsustainable levels. 2 million dollars for a 1960's ranch house. Insane! But if we're not careful, Boulder could end up the same way. What can we do to ensure young people and young families can afford to live in Boulder, keeping our community vibrant and healthy for years to come.

#2. *DITTO(USA):"BetweenNowAnd2030WeNeedToFocusOnPareto-Optimal-EfficiencyWithRespectTo'Our'Economy,Continuing,EconomicGrowth/StabilityIntoThis21st-CenturyAndBeyondWithoutLookingBackAnd/OrWithoutAnyQuestion(s)AskedForthwithWhatsoever...ThanksMuch/InLiberty,DennisTavares...SoonerAnd/Not,Later"!!!!>>> □□□□□□□□□□

Inclusion of all cultures, races & socioeconomic populations. As I reflected upon the event last night (8/31), I realized that it was an English only event. The postcard I got announcing the event was only in English. I did not see much representation, if any, of our hispanic community. The table did not appear to be set for them.. I do not believe this is correct. It would be great if bilingual events could be scheduled. Please consider this for the future. Thank You!

I am extremely concerned about Boulder's inclusiveness, and making this city a place that is diverse and celebrates difference across identities and class. Frankly, our city is centered around rich, white people's activities, property values are increasingly exclusive of the working middle class, and I worry that we are simply becoming another Silicon Valley. In particular, Google's entry into Boulder in the upcoming year terrifies me and what their presence will do for Boulder's inclusivity, especially in terms of property prices and rentals. I would like to see Boulder 2030's plan concentrate on making sure that development in our city capitalizes on the economic advantages we offer to attract new business, but that this is complemented by a focus on making this city truly livable for the non-elite. We risk alienating ourselves from the real world if we do not do more to encourage people of many different ethnic and income

groups to thrive here. For a town that thinks of itself as so socially and environmentally progressive, I worry that we are not doing enough to make ourselves truly diverse.

Family-oriented facilities and events, particularly at South Boulder Rec Ctr. STREETSCAPES! Fort Collins is putting us to shame on this one. They are doing some really great things, Boulder's are, for the most part pathetic. Maintaining what we have. Many of our streetscapes and parks are big weed patches. Continue to come up with solutions for traffic congestion and alternative transportation.

1. There is a noticeable increase in the homeless population and it is beginning to make the downtown area uncomfortable. Homeless services are available and as such, we should not allow loitering and begging all over town. I am now seeing garbage and passed out drunks on the Boulder Creek path, Pearl Street Mall, as well as more hobos (voluntary homeless) within the county. It is imperative that we do not allow this to continue and instead direct them to the services that are available. Otherwise, this will begin to impact the safety of residents. 2. The cost of living in Boulder is increasing rapidly. We need a plan to avoid becoming a version of overpriced California, pricing out the native Boulder and non-executive residents. Diversity is what makes Boulder the unique and character filled place that it is. And we are losing this gradually.

something I would add is that the website and all the resources blur the line between the county and the city making it very difficult for boulder county residents who live in areas impacted by the boulder valley comprehensive plan to know how and where to participate

The Bandshell. I could picture rainbow colors instead of it's present condition. It would be so fitting for Boulder & more lively (plus some landscaping).

Multiple aspects of an historical dependence on the automobile: 1. First of all housing stocks should be increased to allow people to afford to live here instead of commuting in. 2. Work on getting single occupancy vehicles to have more occupants (incentives, ease of commuting, social computing, etc) 3. Single use zoning is an artifact of a car dependent culture, which going forward actually no longer works: move toward multi-use zoning as a way to provide 15 minute neighborhoods. 4. Remove the zoning requirement for garages, and give people the ability to repurpose their garages for something other than automobiles. Again, this is an artifact of another time. 5. Calm streets, making them primarily pedestrian safe, and secondarily bicycle safe. This would also begin to have an impact on road maintenance going forward...our road maintenance budget is a budgetary anchor. 6. Think about more wheel free zones (where people are safe like the downtown mall). 7. Think about development with ZERO parking, where savings of building/maintaining parking is reflected in the purchase or rental costs. 8. Move toward having development shoulder the cost of road maintenance and flood mitigation. The current paradigm of sloughing off infrastructure maintenance to tax revenues is a bit of a pyramid scheme. 9. Move the jobs/housing ratio more in favor of a car free existence. 10. Move our resident density ratios to one that make real rapid transit an attractive option: imagine light rail along 36, with feed trolleys on Pearl, Arapahoe, 28th and Broadway! 11. Think ahead seven generations, and make decisions with our future inhabitants in mind!

Limiting growth in our historic downtown, and preserving the historic nature of Boulder. We also need to preserve our mountain views. Once an historic downtown building is destroyed or surrounded by taller new buildings, a developer who could not care less about Boulder wins, while the rest of us all loose part of why we are here forever.

Small, local, sustainable and progressive: We need to change our code system to support local, micro scaled businesses- especially local food production. We need to drop our fears about safety and legalize the home scaled B and B, the backyard farm stand, allow and encourage vegetable gardens and farm animals in yards (yes roosters too- they can be controlled just like barking dogs already are and they are a part of a potential local food solution) we need to legalize growing, processing and selling food, wine and crafts on a small, local scale on agricultural properties. We need a Food Freedom Act legalizing all food sales from a residence or farm for private use. This would not risk food safety- it is not about food safety and we need to recognize this. It's about Food Freedom and similar laws have been passed in Wyoming and Maine and no one is dying. This would stimulate the growth of beautiful, sustainable small farms and of local agritourism while helping move toward a more sustainable future (we currently grow less than 2 percent of our food locally). On this same note, we need to stop leasing our public lands to

large scale, conventional farmers and start supporting the creation of a strong, local food system- and we need to focus on local, not organic. Organic is not sustainable on a small scale and does not allow for things like the feeding of scraps to backyard chickens. We say we want a zero waste town, but we don't allow a pig in the yard- the ultimate transformer of waste to food. Let's allow a pig in the yard (their shit does not smell worse than dog shit unless it's concentrated as it so often unfortunately is)- let's legalize growing our own food locally- really legalize it and allow some creative solutions to develop: Let's earn the progressive reputation we so enjoy.

Keeping and urban dense community. As I look around to other communities surrounding Boulder, I see urban sprawl which in the long run will need to be turned into urban dense communities anyways. Boulder can skip a step and see that we will need an urban dense community eventually anyways. start now.

Continuing to uphold those values (described above) so that our future residents can look back and recognize that wisdom. Because we've allowed our town to grow so much of late, and have allowed the number of jobs to grow so much of late, our neighborhood needs a sound barrier along Hwy 36 to preserve its quality of life and character. Please put this in the 2030 Comp Plan.

Traffic and Parking: When areas are developed with fewer parking spaces per unit, the owners park cars in nearby associations which have parking spaces, or they park along the street. People use garages to store stuff and park on the street. Rental agreements should include a clause that warns that only one car is allowed if there is limited parking and that should be enforced. Where there is limited parking, people should pay for parking spaces. Cars are wandering around parking lots, looking for a spot where someone is leaving. This increases emissions. Cars are stopped on streets due to traffic jams. Gas is wasted. Pollution is increased. Coordinate stop lights. Improve buses. Do not allow pedestrian crosswalks to cause instantaneous stoppage of cars.

Maintaining our small-city size, and not feeling the need to turn into a mini Denver. There are so many ugly and/or view-blocking apartments and commercial buildings going up around the city. If we build more bike paths, we need to do it in a way where we do not take away a lane of traffic from drivers! Finally, we need to focus on Boulder NOT being known as "a great place to be homeless". Of course we should take care of our own, including people whose mental or physical disabilities prevent them from supporting themselves, and hard-working families having a tough time making ends meet. But we should not focus on/spend our tax dollars on supporting people coming here from all over the country to be homeless.

Living in balance with nature. Support local, small businesses with values like Boulderites. Making Boulder affordable. Putting sustainability and caring for ourselves, other humans, and other beings/nature above all else.

-traffic congestion -school budget cuts are impacting schools -crime -people moving to boulder for the wrong reasons/attracting the wrong crowd

Preserving the environment around Boulder that makes it a special city. Making Boulder more affordable so a wider economic range of people can live in the city.

Providing the free, frequent transportation to enable people to abandon their cars,. Currently its all stick to older residents and negative carrots. Out of control commercial growth with no way to handle in-commuters. Increasing height and density within existing city limits is not the answer.

Affordable housing, support for the middle class and small businesses, alternative transportation (eco-pass for all residents!)

Climate change mitigation and adaptation Pioneering new sustainable technologies and practices that can be adopted elsewhere. Cracking the conflict between livability and affordability.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING, especially creative approaches to housing density and multi-use spaces. Parks and civic space such as Ebon G Fine Park, Scott Carpenter Park, and Central park have the potential to be great, but currently are dirty, at times unsafe, and unattractive. I would also like to see more improvements to bicycle lanes such as the project currently happening on Folsom St.

finding better plans and options for affordable housing either in the city, or at least nearby. The Boulder economy is doing significantly better than most places all over the nation, and if there is opportunity for people to make a living here, there should also be the opportunity to help people live. Yes, by all means, find ways to preserve the surrounding view sheds, ecosystems, and open space. But surely there is a way to preserve the well-being of the people as well?

Stopping government meddling in development. Central planning of housing, water, energy, and employment leads to shortages and price increases. Your central planners are not as knowledgeable as the democratic process of a market discovery process.

a flood plan and then making affordable housing for students. The student/staff population in Boulder is roughly a quarter of the total and most are being forced to vacate Boulder because of the cost of living.

automobile traffic, more controls on growth, recognize that the majority of bicycle riders are recreational. They are not commuting to work, running errands or shopping. Boulder citizens like their cars & are not going to give them up in order to please City Council's philosophy.. The city needs to enforce the existing Boulder City Code. In particular building violations, zoning violations, rental violations & noise violations. More accountability of city administrators who manage city programs. City Council & the city staff are driven by a utopian philosophy & not the mundane problems like infrastructure & roads.

Making Boulder a more balanced community that cares about all groups, not just the cyclists, professional athletes, wealthy and homeless.

1. pushing the transit edge: keep investing in ways, new and old, to mitigate the car/bike/pedestrian interface 2. protecting open space and parks: take care of what we have with best practices for maintenance and improvement 3. serious art/aesthetic development; follow through on the planning done so far; create art-focused centers in several parts of town, linked via bike path; attract higher level artists/galleries/museums; give BMoCA a shot in the arm.

LIMITING GROWTH! REIGNING IN WHAT THE CITY OF BOULDER GOVERNMENT CAN DO, ESPECIALLY GROUPS LIKE THIS!! PREVENT HIGH DENSITY DEVELOPMENT!!! REDUCE THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON OUR ROADS!!!!

You're gonna be sorry you asked: a) How to NOT lose what we have achieved in the last 50 years, including all of the above reasons Boulder is a great place to live, while at the same time b) facilitating the creation of housing, to the extent we can, for moderate and middle class renters and homeowners who work here -- not for everyone who wants to live here for while or who wants to work here. c) we need to be realistic about the fact that development outside of Boulder is going full speed ahead regardless of what we do, and therefore d) unwanted changes to Boulder's established neighborhoods doesn't really help the environment, but just brings more people while it does make Boulder less desirable and does harm those wanting to live in family neighborhoods in Boulder, whether they rent or own e) we need to be realistic about the fact that many people will prefer the housing opportunities in those areas outside of Boulder and prefer to commute so we need to work on realistic (i.e., not bicycle) commuter solutions that work (not necessarily light rail or huge smoke belching buses) f) convert zoning that enables future job growth to residential zoning where possible. (I don't think mixed use is having the result we want.) Don't worry about economic stagnation. Won't happen in a place this desirable. Get rid of the no longer necessary railroad loop between the Diagonal and Arapahoe and it will become a nicer area for residential. g) perhaps limiting house size further to preserve middle class housing h) acquire the less expensive housing that will be need to be preserved for moderate income/subsidized residents. i) find a balance between helping the homeless and attracting them, especially attracting them without requiring any behavioral changes in return j) speaking of social engineering, stop trying to implement it for the rest of Boulder

Slowing growth, or smart growth. Too much construction taking place. Are roads already feeling clogged, all this development is going to make driving around town much harder than it already is. We need to invest in better parks and rec. centers, childcare onsite, family in-door and out-door pools.

I think we need to focus on maintaining the green space and lessen outward expansion. The big difficulty with that will be keeping prices reasonable and affordable for residents of Boulder. A large trend that I've

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| seen is the increase in commuters into Boulder. Either we look to change the amount of commuters and transition into more affordable homes within the city or we make commuting a smoother and more accessible option. |
| 1. Civil infrastructure: street and bridge maintenance 2. Affordable housing 3. Lower cost/greater efficiency of our city and county governments 4. Diversity 5. Controlling the increase in taxes |
| Protecting and Promoting unimpeded access to local foods by Passing a Community Food Freedom Ordinance - Assert the right of Boulder Valley residents to produce, process, sell, purchase, share and consume local foods (as in Wyoming and in numerous towns in Maine). Economic Liberty is essential to Food Freedom and must be restored by removing overzealous food safety regulations and bureaucratic hoops if the Local Food Movement is going to gain traction. Lease open space to local farmers growing local food- Remove the barriers including embedded paradigms that favor leasing our Agricultural Open Space to mono-crop commodity farmers. Invest public funds in the necessary infrastructure for local food production- Help local farmers get a start. Look to the model of the Intervale (www.intervale.org) in Burlington Vermont for inspiration. Pressure local farmers into best practices that build soil organic matter and sequester carbon - Promote no till, cover crops and avoidance of ecosystem-damaging chemical sprays - stop pressuring farmers into organic certification above organic principals. Rewrite Land Use codes to encourage and allow complementary cottage industries on Agricultural Land with minimal restrictions - Allow multiple primary land uses on agricultural properties - production of wine on vineyards, let farmers have B&Bs, promote agritourism.... Renovate Open Space owned farmhouses and put farmers in them - Work with farmers to restore our degraded lands and bring back the family farm in Boulder County (a farm house is hardly a farm house without a farmer living in it). |
| Using monies from marijuana tax revenues for small scale open space farming, supporting local food sources & cottage industries, socialized health and dental plans, protecting our wild spaces. What makes Boulder unique is that we lead the way in the state and thus the nation. We need to support land practices that rebuild our soils and protect our water. The restoration of wild bison to the grasslands is one way. Supporting local farmers is another. Ensuring folks have access to good health and dental care is yet another...all are inter-related. |
| Increasing opportunities to work creatively with our neighboring municipalities, unincorporated Boulder County, private sector developers, non profit organizations and community stakeholders to address alternative housing that does not fit in to the existing building code, zoning code and Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan. Such housing alternatives should include modular, systems built assemblies, and innovative approaches toward collaborative housing development that assists workforce, seniors and middle income families. An excellent example of collaborative and innovative approaches can be seen at www.seedscollaborative.com |
| Limiting growth yet making Boulder affordable for those that have lived here for a long time. Keeping Boulder the way it was before the year 2000 should be a major goal. We do not want for Boulder to become Californicated!!! |
| Protecting the beautiful neighborhoods and make sure that the push to provide housing for everyone, doesn't erode the quality neighborhoods that we have in place already. |
| For Boulder to have affordable housing, increased foot paths and bicycle paths along with more alternative transportation opportunities it will also have to embrace increased density. If we want people to live and work in Boulder density has to increase. We need to figure out how to do this. Creating a height restriction and making modifications to set backs doesn't help us reach our shared goals for a vibrant community. |
| preserving what people moved here for: a beautiful environment, small town feel and the freedom to live your own life without total micromanagment from city government. |
| Permanently affordable mixed income housing spread throughout city Decarbonization Making an even better city for kids...more access to nature, reduced exposure to cars and traffic |
| Positive democratic process to create careful. quality solutions to growth, housing, traffic, economic solutions for all in the community. Boulder does not seem to have a spirit of community nor a trust in |

government process. Officials seem to solve issues by ticking little boxes such as how many miles of bike lanes and how wide they are, rather than how safe and useful they are. City and county govt. does not seek input before coming up with solutions and seems to create an adversarial relationship without caring that they are accountable to the community. They think they know best. Doesn't that sound a little arrogant.? Now they are in a big hurry to build Affordable Housing, yet aren't following research that shows that large undispersed housing is not successful (housing projects) and is not a good investment for us. They hideous new housing on 30th St. built on the railroad tracks is a disgrace.. Where are the new parks and open space to go with all the thousands of dense new housing units built in the last few years.. Consider your legacy...decades of careful investment are at stake. We desperately need new leadership.

Protecting ourselves from neurotic zealots who imagine they can solve the world's problems by forcing their neighbors to live differently.

farming locally. Drinking raw milk. Eating grass-fed beef, chicken, pork. Going to 'The Golden Hoof' farm more often. OR becoming vegetarian. Stay away from factory farms!! Using open space for farming.

We need to focus on the increasing population and make the city denser, while still making it a comfortable, welcoming, and enjoyable place to be.

increasing safe bicycle routes around the hill area. Boulder also needs to focus on the problem of ever increasing rent and housing prices that most people cannot afford. This may increase diversity throughout the city.

preventing out-of-control growth by developers that is not consistent with the current nature of neighborhoods or land-use.

Public transportation within and outside Boulder Valley. Maintaining open space and public spaces. Low income housing.

Housing. Boulder cannot allow itself to become a town of rich people only. We're almost there already. We have to figure out a way to house all residents of Boulder regardless of economic status. I know Boulder is a small town and low income housing is limited, but with all the building going on, there better be a place for folks to live. There are people who work in Boulder, at the wonderful companies or institutions we have who cannot afford to live here. Where I work there are executives who can't afford to live in Boulder! That has to change, we have to work on this first and foremost, especially because we are so lucky and we are experiencing so much growth. We have to be a town where anyone can live if they work hard. I don't know how to do this, but I think it's #1.

Sustainability and self sufficiency of Boulder's energy needs so that we may have say over our sources, pricing, and reduce our carbon footprint. Continue to improve options for alternative transportation-safety for cyclists and more reliable bus service. Sometimes I think we are missing the boat here. If we added for instance an effective but unique service such as 'cable cars' in San Francisco. Definitely, we need to have a more convenient way to get people into and out of the city. Maybe out lots with buses that have a dedicated lane during rush hour times within the city? Perhaps some type of creative incentive plan for employers to encourage mass transit? Protect our land and resources for the future of Boulder. Chemicals that kill our pollinators, GMO crops that would cross with organic crops and threaten our Boulder 'Brand', industries not held to the highest ethical standards, all these would be detrimental to Boulder for generations to come. Recreational use is very high in Boulder green space land. I believe that Boulder needs to pursue a program to collect fees from non-city users to help pay for upkeep due to overuse. Our park areas cost money to upkeep and deterioration needs to be addressed. Boulder citizens pay taxes to use the areas (and buy them) and visitors need to participate in supporting their upkeep as well. In addition, Boulder has a character and charm because previous boards were encouraged to keep height limits down and population density to certain levels. I know that it is tempting for our elected officials to give variances to allow for exceptions. I do not believe that this accurately reflects the wish of citizens nor will it help to preserve the charm of Boulder real estate. Furthermore, Boulder does not need to give large tax breaks, etc., to lure development. Boulder is a highly sought after location. I know of local entrepreneurs who are be priced out of the city. As smaller businesses they do not receive special tax breaks, etc... Alternative dwelling situations for adults! Boulder is young, but

there is an aging segment of the population. There are lots of cheaper apartments and condos for young people, but not much for middle aged citizens who would like to live in something a little classier. There are grossly expensive condos downtown, and very little in a mid price range. Therefore, mature singles are forced to buy family housing. This is not an efficient use of resources. Thank you for all your work, Tara

Boulder is at a critical crossroads for developing a future the majority of residents will embrace. The city needs to focus on density; traffic; supporting new cooperative housing as the baby boomers and millennials who cannot afford a house in Boulder nonetheless find creative ways to stay in the city; preservation of open space. Mostly the City needs to have staff on board who listens attentively and communicates effectively at the most professional level possible. This will help avoid some of the recent fiascos - right-sizing and forced landmarking - which have given the city a black eye and created an undesirable political climate heading into the elections.

achieving energy independence through roof top solar and local storage, increased recycling specifically of green waste and changing the water retention policy such that gardens whether vegetable or otherwise can benefit from capturing water where it falls. Additionally a focus on education at all levels to ensure that not only the google of today wants to be associated with Boulder but that the google of tomorrow comes from Boulder. Finally an absolute insistence that key transport links are created and maintained. This includes both the completion of the proposed rail project but also the transportation of information by introducing super high speed internet.

Our biggest challenge is the housing affordability crisis. We must work on multiple fronts to make it easier for working folks, youngsters, youth families, seniors to be able to live here. We are on track to become an enclave for the 1%. We need a city where decision making is in the interests of all of us - not just those who already own a home. The other key issues are climate action, and sustainable transportation.

* adapting the largely suburbanized development of Boulder to meet the demands of climate change, reducing autodependancy, reign in the runaway real estate costs, etc. (Single use zoning needs to be critically evaluated... It is a way of development that has outlived its usefulness-- and in fact causes other health / social / equity issues)

Better/more affordable public transportation, preserving green space (including that of homes which contribute a substantial amount to green space at a 35% lot coverage limit) - yards prevent urban hotspots from too much concrete and reflective glass, they capture water providing system slack during droughts and reducing impermeable surfaces during flooding events, as well as urban canopies for birds, local wildlife, bees, and butterfly migration routes. Making the city more walkable - having services w/in 15 minute walk of neighborhoods (this has to come first before people will give up cars). In a city like Paris you can easily manage w/o a car because within 2 blocks is a bus, metro, or train stations. And they all cost 1.70 Euro to go anywhere within the system. Neighborhood serving retail is all over the city so it's easy to run errands and get items without having to go very far (or even haul stuff on public transportation). Same for London, New York, Chicago, San Francisco. But w/out walkability and better transportation people aren't going to give up cars. And outside of Amsterdam most people don't bike in any of these cities. Integrate affordable housing throughout the city - not concentrate it in certain neighborhoods inviting lawsuits over redlining (see the TV show Show Me a Hero about New York City and Yonkers which covers the history of just such a lawsuit and requiring New York to distribute their subsidized housing throughout the area not just certain places). Martin Acres has given enough up for the "good of Boulder" our baseball fields, our neighborhood pool. - every single neighborhood in town should get a development before we get another.

Create the train track Quiet Zones. Hopefully it can happen before 2030 and hopefully in the next year or two.

Creating affordable housing for individuals who live and work in Boulder who may earn more than they can to qualify for affordable housing, but do not earn enough to afford to live and work in and support the Boulder community.

Solutions for housing and homelessness, reducing traffic (better bus routes, incentives for biking or

busing), teen after school programs (including hiking, trail restoration, climbing, swimming - or swim teacher training, biking, art, etc), community environmental education (how to compost & recycle, bike maintenance, ways to reduce energy at home).

1. A plan for dealing with the rapid growth that Boulder is now experiencing; traffic is problematic. 2. Deterring the homeless community from flocking here to take advantage of the high degree of tolerance. A regular sweep of the Boulder Creek to remove the ever-increasing trash and hobos that collect there. (This is of paramount importance and I will use the similar city of Santa Cruz, CA as an example of what can happen if this not addressed.) 3. Assuring that drug rehabilitative and homeless services are available, while not continuing to tolerate begging and loitering. 3. Making sure we continue to employ our youth, as apposed to cheap immigrant labor. (Again, I will use Santa Cruz, CA as an example of how this got out of hand and youth no longer can find employment.) I am concerned with the changes I am seeing most prominently over the past two years and hope that Boulder will not degrade within this growth and remain a safe, clean place to live.

Equality for all in Boulder and that our voices continue to be heard. There should be one place where big business is not first and foremost. We have made it happen so far and I know that, if charged with the challenge, nearly everyone will work for this common vision. Over the past several years, the town and surrounding region seem to be moving towards a lack of transparency and a rash decision making process that is less democratic and provides for a more homogenized town and marginalized citizens. Preserving the open space and views is at the top of my list. It is one of the main reasons anyone would want to live here. I am a sixth generation to Colorado. Some of my relatives lived in the Boulder area before it was a town and my family always respected the natural beauty. I also think none of the new development is aesthetic or diverse in look or use. It caters to a certain elite crowd and disregards the western, Rocky Mountain heritage. The architecture is cookie-cutter and could be anywhere, U.S. Also, many recent decisions do not take existing, local businesses into account.

Enforcing regulations in the city, parks and on the streets and within neighborhoods. Limiting growth, limiting traffic, scaling back on new housing, paying attention to the wishes of the citizens vs. the advisory boards, City Council and City staff, addressing loitering in the parks, upping local policing and discouraging more tourists.

1) keeping our economy vibrant and making it possible for the kids who grew up here to live here 2) preserving our open space and environmental values 3) ending stupid social experiments like municipalization and right sizing 4) addressing our transportation needs by using denser growth coupled with better local transportation options such as parking lots on the outskirts of town and free local bus service 5) acquiring more open space

Continue to do what Boulder does best. Preserve the natural environment. Maintain the excellent schools. Support CU. Slowing down over- development of the city while maintaining a healthy stable economy is very important. I am very concerned that the city will become too dense and evolve into an urban space like LoDo in Denver. There is a small but vocal faction of people in Boulder who want to turn the city into a dense urban environment and undo what has made Boulder so special for so long. We need to preserve our single family neighborhoods. There is a great demand for homes with yards and space to grow a family. Lots of young families with small children have moved into my neighborhood, and it is wonderful.

Limiting developments, lowering housing prices, easier parking, and less attention to bikes. Spend our tax dollars on our roads, quit spending more to serve the bike riders and for lanes and crosswalks that are rarely used properly, and telling bike riders to use the bike lanes we've spent millions of dollars on. Stop the "right-sizing" and come up with better solutions, e.g., re-purpose the sidewalks. Generate revenue from bikes licenses. Recognize that this is not a community of just the young and that there is a large number of seniors that may find it hard to walk, much less ride a bike.

Municipalization, upgraded urban design, better bus service, especially from Boulder Junction, how to be an improved community, with less meanness and negative energy, and an improved ability to have dialogues about how to solve our problems together.

preserving that natural beauty by not building structures on every possible scrap of land available. Let's

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| not turn this city into an ugly place. |
| Controlling growth in a way that balances housing and employment. There is little room for more housing, so perhaps there should be less effort to bring in any new large employers. Increasing the amount of low- and moderate-income housing, dispersed throughout the city. Discouraging the construction of large mansions (anything over 3,000 sq. ft.). Reducing traffic congestion. Making busy streets more pedestrian-friendly (especially intersections on 28th and 30th streets). Increasing frequency of regional bus service. Subsidizing its use by commuters if necessary. Adding a moderate-priced department store, such as Kohl's or Penney's. (Too many Boulder stores are high-priced and catering to tourists.) |
|efficiency of services. As a resident, I have the impression that Boulder is a "fat" (not lean) organization and I am curious how the staffing levels compare per capita with other cities (I am referring to the City of Boulder and not Boulder County).. There always seems to be a new tax or tax extension on every ballot. I am particularly concerned with the formation of a new utility. How do the existing water, sanitary sewer and storm water utilities compare to other cities in terms of budget, staffing, MGD of water treated, fee structure, and violations? Is Boulder top notch? Do they deliver services efficiently? How does Boulder know that they will do so with an electric utility? Speaking of..... a lot of new initiatives such as the electric utility and the Folsom Street "right sizing" lane reduction feel like they are staff driven, rather than community driven, projects. I would hope staff is there to fulfill the desires of the community as a whole and not a personal agenda. |
| Affordable housing, and maintaining the ability for real people of diverse means to be a part of the communication. |
| affordable housing; having space and incentive for new businesses to thrive including high speed internet access for all citizens provided by the county, KEEPING our easy access to the outdoors. |
| -keeping what has made Boulder so appealing and not turning it into another crowded city -a plan for our aging infrastructure -I'm concerned the big development occurring and being planned for the future is a result of men that were once boys playing with their building blocks. Sometimes dreams of grandeur need to remain a sweet memory. |
| creating an environment that "physically" (housing and work opportunities) and socially (an open, inviting community) engages people of all ethnic and economic and educational backgrounds. |
| Traffic mitigation, increasing bike paths, invest in more open space, upkeep and expansion of public infrastructure like recreation centers and library, increasing economic diversity, continuing to move towards green energy and sustainability. |
| The concern for density and the price of living. I strongly believe in many of the values that Boulder has gone on to integrate into its planning policies, but without a better cultural and economic diversity it will (some argue it has) become an elitist, snobbish, and stagnant community. |
| Beautifying the landscape! The abandonment of any type of weed control in the rights of ways, parks, even open space is ruining this formerly beautiful city. From the beginning of spring through June, it is nothing but weeds all along the streets and in the parks. Then they go dormant and are mowed and forgotten, but there is not a single park or median that has real turf. The vocal minority has ruined the appearance of the city by scare tactics related to any use of herbicides. Weeds make this town look like worse than an inner-city. Something has to be done. I have out of town guests comment to me about the weeds. This town is no longer pretty; just the mountains are pretty to look at and hike in, but even the open space is over run with weeds. I, for one, want to live in a city that does have nice landscape and this one is far from it. Thank you. |
| Stopping the current out of control growth. New constructions f.ex on West Pearl is totally out of character. Look at the buildings on the north side, two story brick. They are beautiful and warm feeling. The new buildings are so tall you cannot even see the mountains. You can never house all the people in Boulder who'd like to live here. Every new person added brings four more as more people need more services (stores, restaurants, entertainment, teachers, police etc.). It is a never ending cycle and without strong control on growth, Boulder ends up looking just like another big city. KEEP BOULDER |

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| SMALL!!!!!! |
| Two pieces: first and foremost, increasing public and alternative transportation, and second but closely related, adding environmentally friendlier housing (density, affordable, walkable neighborhoods). |
| Protecting open space and traditional land practices, such as raising food for local consumption. Let's make sure that zoning serves us and doesn't block innovation. |
| Maintaining wilderness, open space, and protection of the natural world (native flora and fauna, clean water) so that our children and grandchildren can enjoy it and allow future generations the pleasure of enjoying it as well. |
| - climate change/reducing emissions - improving public transit (RTD is not great, we may need a different system for inside town) - not just 15 minute neighborhoods but 10 and 5 minute neighborhoods - I live in SoBo and the closet place to buy eggs or milk or sugar or whatever is a 20 minute walk; so in bad weather, in a rush, at night etc. I always drive - better codes and built form! We have lots of aging cruddy stuff from the 50s on |
| continue to limit growth. do NOT shove the growth to neighboring communities like Gunbarrel. As a resident of Gunbarrel, i do not support the granting of height variances or affordable housing developments. |
| Retaining what makes Boulder wonderful for all residents. I believe we are at a point where our quality of living is declining due to overpopulation. Simply: too many rats in the cage. I do not believe that we will reduce traffic by providing more housing for people who work in Boulder. It is crazy to think that people stay in place or that two people in a relationship who live together both work in Boulder. In my 28 years here, both my partner and I have worked and lived in and out of Boulder; people change jobs all the time. We know many people who live in Boulder and commute as far as the Tech Center in south Denver. By building more housing, you will just provide more housing for people who wish to live in Boulder, no matter where they work. The only people who benefit from more growth is developers, not residents. I am angry at the current focus on growth and infilling. |
| -- Preserving Boulder's unique and diverse quality of life that extends to every resident of Boulder, not just the wealthiest or most privileged. -- Preserving the unparalleled views of the Flatirons from every location in town. -- Preserving and expanding open spaces, both around the city and within the city itself. -- Creating special and wonderful neighborhoods in every part of town, especially those areas currently overlooked and ignored. -- Creating the best, most reliable, most sustainable energy network, internet network, and transportation network in Colorado and the US. -- Keeping our city beautiful: noise-free, trash-free, pollution-free, dilapidation-free, graffiti-free. |
| Diversity - The Clty of Boulder needs to commit to attracting minorities and bringing them into the community. Representative government - the Boulder City Council should go to single member districts. This will create a more democratic city government and support increased diversity. Wages - the governments should aim economic development efforts to support increased wages across the economic spectrum so that all citizens can participate in the economic success of the city and county. |
| 1. Switching from fossil fuels to wind and solar. 2. Growing nearly all of our food locally. 3. Switching from private cars to public transportation and bicycles or walking. 4. Reducing the disparity in wealth among us. (That is, reduce poverty.) 5. Somehow, help the homeless find housing. 6. Somehow, make local politics less confrontational. |
| Traffic, which will only increase with development and expansions like Google's. Keeping businesses and not losing them to adjacent towns. Making sure we don't fall behind adjacent towns -- Longmont has high speed internet that we don't come close to matching, and encourages new businesses, and new activities like the Monday night food truck event. Boulder shoots down those types of ideas, and just might lose the people we should be attracting -- the entrepreneurs and trend setters. |
| build housing close to employment centers so commutes are shorter redevelop pearl east of foothills parkway. now that the new center of town is pearl and 30th, that land is too valuable for car lots. |
| Doing our part in combating climate change due to global warming. This involves 1. Doing all we can to |

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| encourage public transportation and discourage use of private vehicles. 2. Promote a more concentrated urban space, so that walking and cycling can be used more often to get where people need to go by larger numbers of people. 3. Promote energy efficiency in all city/county facilities and vehicles. |
| Easing traffic congestion Ensuring small businesses can thrive and aren't pushed out by high rents, taxes, etc. Make the light rail happen! Reduce air and water pollution |
| 1. Flood Plain Drainage off Canyon Blvd & Lee Hill Drive. 2. Installation of Storm Drains on Greenbelt. 3. Installation of berm West of North Briar Estates/Lee Hill. 4. Plant aspec along greenbelt trails with benches. 5. Trim greenbelt paths free of weeds & drainage obstruction. 6. Prohibit rezoning west of Broadway. 7. Solicit public support in Green Belt cleanup. 8. Use Army Corps of Engineers for landscaping in Boulder Flood Zone. 9. Quit Planning and start Doing. |
| Transportation, traffic, water usage ... We need to face up to the acceleration of global climate change which easily has the potential to cause chaos... Everything will be affected. How do we prepare? How do we call upon the best in ourselves, not only for ourselves, but to lead others? |
| Affordable housing. Many, if not most of the people who work in Boulder can't afford to live in Boulder. It wasn't that way 10-20 or more years ago. Many of the people who should be an important part of the community, such as teachers, etc., can't afford to live in Boulder. Moreover, many of the people who were born and raised in Boulder, such as my young adult children, can't afford to live in Boulder. Which leads to... Traffic. Traffic is terrible in Boulder. Moreover, traffic into Boulder each morning and out of Boulder each afternoon is at a crawl on both 36 and 93, Economic, Social, Cultural Diversity. Boulder has become mostly an exclusive, "status" town for the rich. This in turn, seems to limit some of the social/cultural diversity that Boulder was well known for pre-90's. In a nutshell, welcome to the Bay Area. My \$0.02: study the Bay Area and Austin carefully to see what has and hasn't worked in addressing some of the above issues. |
| Lowering the cost of housing, especially for students. I understand that the housing market cannot expand anymore, but the cost of living anywhere near campus is outrageous, and even though there is probably no feasible solution in sight, one can dream that some day rent on a small apartment will be less than \$1,800 a month. |
| Traffic and driving. Boulder is a very pedestrian friendly city but sometimes this can make it hard for cars to travel within it. Traffic and congestion always seems to be a nuisance for me wherever I go in boulder and I think it would be good to focus on solving that more in the future. |
| Less population density, better public transport flood preparedness. Rent control, property prices, traffic issues such as too many people living in a small town. Driving this town is becoming a real issue. Less dogs |
| Preserving what we have, limiting growth, becoming a cleaner city with less of a carbon footprint. |
| developing what is the carrying capacity of Boulder and realize everyone that wants to live in Boulder cannot. Improve transportation if traffic is to be reduced in town. Support all neighborhoods. Recognize all types of housing does not work everywhere in town. Improve large building design. Protect the open space and hold the line on building heights. Get the developers out of the pockets of City Council. Move away from group think. Work all aspects of living in this area on a regional basis. Boulder does not stand alone. Finish municipalization soon. Keep fracking out of Boulder County. License bicycles and require all to have lights and a bell. The golf course has a fine design. Why not use it. |
| More family friendly establishments. Red Robin was the only truly kid friendly restaurant. We also have to drive to Westminster and beyond for bouncy castles, indoor adventuring besides rock climbing, or an indoor kids playground. |
| I think there is a need to focus on building another high school. I have two older children who attended Fairview and graduated in 2008 and 2010. I have two elementary aged children now. By the time my younger girls are high school age it scares me to think how populated Fairview and Boulder High will be. I think there needs to be a shift in focus to build a high school in North Boulder. As someone who has lived in Boulder more than 20 years, I find the influx of people to our area overwhelming. The traffic, over blown real estate prices and construction are dismaying to me. I realize this is a wonderful place to live |

and that's why we are having these problems but, it's going to turn into a not so desirable area if we continue to keep experiencing population density so much, so fast. With this said, I think there should be a focus on the quality of education and a limit to big construction projects.

Managing development--Keep it in core areas to mitigate impacts and preserve the integrity of residential neighborhoods, rural lands, and open space. Don't allow large developments in outlying areas where they will increase traffic and overwhelm existing infrastructure. Preserve the character of our rural residential areas. Use infill.

getting control of "low income" housing. and when I say that, i mean "low income" shouldn't be \$55K and under. It should be \$40k and under. I know too many families gaming the system in this town, who live in affordable housing who should not be living there. Re-build The Hill for the students. Create housing for those out of the dorms on the Hill. Create a center for the kids. It's safer and more environmentally friendly if the kids could walk across the street to their classes. Bring more bars onto the hill. Now bc there are no bars except the Sink, kids go to house parties which are not controlled or regulated. They go on all hours of the night and no one to watch them if someone had too much to drink. What's happening now is more problematic than if there were bars with security that actually close and have business hours. The traffic lights need to be timed better at the major intersections. Money can be saved from that. Also, plow the streets when you say you're going to plow.

Preserving the great area with sustainable growth. No fracking! Continue to make this a great place to live and work. I work in tech and welcome the tech growth, like google coming.

I would most like to see smoking banned in all outdoor public places, but especially bus stops. Those of us who ride the bus are captive victims of second-hand smoke. If we move far enough away that we can't smell it, we're likely to miss the bus, or be unable to use the bus shelter if someone sitting in it is smoking. My husband and I have also noticed that despite having trash cans at bus stops, plenty of smokers pitch their butts on the ground. It's a disgrace to our otherwise clean, health-conscious town. The smoking bans in the downtown area are great steps! Let's keep it going. In addition to that: I'm very disappointed about the landmarking decision at 747 12th St. I'm as liberal as the next granola Boulderite, but this goes too far. We can be liberal and appreciative of history without subverting the rights of people in their own homes. We have lots of great historic buildings, from the Boulderado to the homes on Mapleton Hill. This house isn't particularly impressive architecturally, and the homeowners have no plans to turn it into a museum or other such site. Many locations throughout CO were used for tuberculosis care. I don't see the value in preserving this particular one. I understand neighbors wanting to see the structure stay, but it's NOT THEIR HOUSE. They and the city don't have to live there, or pay to maintain an aging building. The city does not have the right to tell property owners how to build on their land beyond the usual city ordinances. The owners are not causing any harm to their neighbors. Yes, construction is a pain, but we all live with it from time to time, no matter where they live. I don't want to see this trend continue. Boulder needs to respect the rights of individual homeowners, as it did with the recent decisions in favor of mobile home owners. Affordable housing is something we all would like to see tackled, I think. I'm in favor of co-ops, artist communities, and special zoning for student housing that allow for higher population density. However, we have to face the reality that far more people work in Boulder than there is simply room to live here. Expanding public transportation to more affordable areas would help reduce traffic and put less pressure on neighborhoods to cram in high-occupancy. I'm concerned about the influx of traffic from Google's new campus.

stopping the new residential construction. For us to enjoy our precious outdoor resources and activities, we need to stop allowing multi floor, multi-tenant buildings. Boulder is very crowded, we need to cap this off.

our own identity. Stop trying to be all things to all people, to be hip and cool, to be an ongoing living laboratory, to be early adopters or international models of everything under the sun. Be selective about how and where Boulder grows. Understand and communicate to the public the impact of new companies in town--large or small--on infrastructure, housing, schools, etc., what might change (good and bad) as a result, and how to adapt. Keep Boulder affordable and liveable for all who want to be here. And try not to become the next San Francisco, as far as housing and traffic goes.

Moving beyond our limited views of who should have access to the Boulder lifestyle and community.

While I think the community pays lip service to maintaining housing for the lower and middle classes... the amount of bureaucracy and level of rule making effectively makes it a place where only the wealthiest can afford to live. This is not just about the price of housing, but we make it incredibly difficult to afford living here- through narrow attitudes about what growth means- and our initiatives that continually work at cross purpose. A couple examples.. I live in a historic district. The city wants people to make their homes energy efficient (and reduce carbon emissions) but the historic designation makes it nearly impossible to afford better windows and other strategies that would improve my energy efficiency. The attitude seems to be that if you live in or near Mapleton Hill "well, you must be rich and can afford anything you want". This is absolutely offensive to the middle class families who've lived in this town for decades and have contributed taxes and our energies to this community. In addition, I am pretty much done with an open space and parks program (that I've contributed a lot of tax \$'s to) only to have a very very small percentage open to recreational use and enjoyment. At times, this seems to reflect a government (city and county) that knows what's best for everyone and only has a limited set of tools (mostly control and rules) to govern. I am a change management consultant whose worked with everyone from large health foundations to high tech, etc... And, as a colleague once said "People own what they help to create". If you restrict them from its use (e.g. open space) while continually asking for more tax dollars to buy land that is pretty much off limits- you will likely soon have people who refuse to pay more tax as benefits increasingly are reduced. These are just a couple examples, but city and county governments need to treat their citizens as customers who have an important stake in the products and services they receive. Many times, I feel like some processes (building permits, etc..) are so onerous that gov't staff have forgotten who they work for. I have to laugh at myself as I re-read this- I sound like some cranky citizen and yet I've done a lot of citizen engagement work for many local communities and across the U.S. for quite some time. I would consider myself a generally open and very positive person/ citizen. Right now, I'm feeling very frustrated by the current debate on Growth, etc... as its dominated by extreme views one way or another. We need public process that is truly open and encourages all sorts of people to listen and work well together. I think Boulder's recent public processes lately have been rather prefunctory affairs that limit true discourse and open dialogue.

Solar energy. It would be nice to lead the country in sustainable energy. Even better if the city could be entirely powered by solar power with zero CO2 emissions. Our future depends upon it.

Maintaining a sustainable relationship between economic, social, and environmental core values. Continuing to keep housing affordable so all walks of life can be apart of this community. As well as educating people about how they can be apart of city planning decisions, allowing them to have a say in the plans for the future Boulder.

Reducing the number of high-tech, high-wage jobs in Boulder. Reducing the amount of commercial zoning to keep out large projects. Reducing the number of out-of-state real estate investors in Boulder. Increasing historic preservation. Increasing local food production. Protecting Open Space from competitive sports, bicycles, dogs and other heavy recreational impacts, Prioritizing affordable housing for Boulder's primary public-sector employees, NOT for corporate employees. Disincentivizing the predatory real estate development industry by all available means. Disincentivizing businesses with stated goals for building or workforce expansion. Keeping fracking out of Boulder.

1) Noise abatement of the traffic roar from US 36. I live in the far eastern side of Martin Acres and the only time the thundering traffic roar subsides is between 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. This means we cannot enjoy fresh air through an open window without having to shout. Our music and tv volume just adds to the noise levels. It is not possible to sleep with the windows open. Our garden is not available for serene enjoyment due to the roar. 2) The Table Mesa/Moorhead Ave. area is very loud and crowded with rumbling trucks and semis. It is becoming an industrial thoroughfare rather than a neighborhood street. Can't those trucks be diverted? 3) There is a very dangerous intersection as one is driving east on Table Mesa, trying to cross the west-bound lane in order to get on the US 36/28th street on-ramp heading northwestward. The view of the oncoming west-bound traffic is obscured by the median plantings. Even if there were no plantings in the middle of the road, this intersection is dangerous and needs a light to prevent accidents. The traffic coming from the west is continuous despite the light placed further east on Table Mesa in front of the Park-n-Ride. Whenever the traffic light on Table Mesa right in front of the Park-n-Ride is red, the traffic from the 28th street/US 36 off-ramp is flooding onto Table Mesa heading west. This is why the traffic is continuous. 4) As one is driving west on Table Mesa approaching

Moorhead Ave., there is a very short distance in which to get in the far right turn lane to turn on Moorhead heading north. In that same short distance, the traffic exiting the 28th street/US 36 ramp onto west-bound Table Mesa is trying to get in the left lane. That is the same left lane that the other cars are trying to leave in order to get into the right lane. Traffic is moving briskly and there are no lights to help prevent accidents.

Housing is a huge issue. I think it's hypocritical for people to support environmental efforts and then hate more dense neighborhoods. The affordability issue is an incredibly huge issue since many people have to drive in to boulder, which contributes to serious environmental issues (congestion as well). I myself live in one of the affordable units here in Boulder and that's really the only way I could own here. Transportation is another huge issue. Need to increase transit service and a variety of different bike facilities (Folsom right sizing is amazing!).

Lowering the cost of housing for everyone but mainly for college students. The current prices of housing on the hill are outrageous.

we need to focus on not only maintaining the land that we live on and reducing greenhouse gases, but also making Boulder more affordable for university students, as well as the remaining current and potential population.

We need to focus on capping growth. If we grow much beyond a city with a population of 100,000 people, we are going to lose what we have. Our economy can thrive without a need for constant growth. Growth never pays for itself - especially in terms of its impact on infrastructure ranging from schools, libraries, police, fire, city staff, water supply, wastewater and on and on. And both increased population density and sprawl lead to more cars on the road, greater air pollution, and of course more traffic. The increased traffic leads to a decreased quality of life for all. The increase in cars tends to make walking and biking in the City less enjoyable (no matter what we do to on-street bike lanes). Our desire to encourage non-automobile personal modes of transportation should focus on off-street bike paths and multi-use paths, which are both safer and more enjoyable to use. The City of Boulder and Boulder County are not islands. We need to accept the fact that many of our residents commute out of our county for work and many people commute into our county for work and school. No amount of highway construction will ever keep up with the traffic load. We need a commuter transport system that focuses on more than just buses. We need commuter rail to connect our County to Denver as well as its airport. A fast and efficient rail system is the only way to get many commuters out of their automobiles. When we do allow new infill construction in our city limits, we need to keep construction on a human scale. This means limiting building heights to three (3) stories in most areas and perhaps only allow 4 or 5 story buildings under special circumstances - especially where their height won't obstruct views or sunlight for neighboring properties. We should continue to purchase open space and maintain our mountain parks. And we need to strive to create and maintain an atmosphere that encourages business formation and growth within our County - as well as finds ways to encourage those businesses to stay in our county as they grow.

Preserving the beautiful open space around Boulder, continue working towards environmentally sustainability measures, keeping the building heights low in order to be sure not to block beautiful views, MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING options, keep up trail maintenance, continue to provide opportunities to all Boulder residents through Boulder County Housing and Human Services and Community Services.

stopping the densification of Boulder. Adding more and more housing to Boulder will change the city in a bad way. Density will not solve our transportation issues. Once Boulder Junction is built out, the neighborhoods will be the next places to add housing. Neighborhoods don't want more density, we like the town the way it is. The next 15 years will be the scene of competing visions for Boulder's future.

Ok - so this is really silly - but come on - we've got to have a better community pool! Spruce and Scott are old school. We REALLY need a better community pool ... this is Boulder! Our neighboring communities have better community pools. Ok, that's so not why I am emailing right now, but hey, it's the end of summer and I shake my head every time I go to those pools. They could be staffed and heated better and the facilities upgraded and made more kid friendly ... not just for the lap lane lovin' swimmers we've got in town ... but for families too! Ok - so really though - we absolutely have to focus on traffic, monitoring/pacing development or redevelopment on every corner, the size of businesses relocating into

town (I mean 'cmon Google does NOT need to be here), schools, and our recreational spaces. The balance between housing and commercial space. Density - it's to freaking crowded. I know a city's gotta grow - but I think we are really pretty much maxed out and well, we just might have to stop building because it's going to burst. Density is not cool anymore. It's bringing in way to much unwanted nonsense. Agggghhhh - how on earth do we manage all of these concerns? Pearl St. is not original any more - it's a ridiculously dense section of Boulder with condos on every corner and no more Flatirons views. It's just ridiculous what has been allowed to explode down there. And it is pretty silly to think that you should 'right size' Folsom. Super silly. I've been driving that road as my main commute since 2002 and it was NEVER an issue with traffic and bikes. Now, it is ... it's awkward and more. If you do that to Iris, for shame, for shame. That's the only East/West corridor in the north part of town. Last thought - any new construction and development ought to have more interesting features to the design work and a requirement ought to be keeping some aspect of nature within the design. There is NOTHING creative about our newer buildings in town - nothing. It looks like a strip mall developer of the 90s has taken over throughout Boulder. Bring some western or vintage character to town, not the stupid tan strip mall look. AAAHHHHH - if it has to come at least bring it in with beauty and style and character. I mean look at Boulder Historical Society for some guidelines - seriously - protect our future with interesting buildings and development at least. My fingers are crossed our leaders will be able to guide this city through this intense time.

Infrastructure repair and improvement, innovative traffic solutions, creative solutions for the homeless problem.

Keeping access to recreation open and maintaining open space, managing density and growth as more and more people move in, keeping up recreational facilities (rec centers, outdoor pools, reservoir) for the community to use (keeping up with the rest of Boulder county which has some newer rec centers). Continuing to add to and improve upon bike path system. Ensure schools are top notch and that all schools in Boulder offer excellent opportunities for students. We have so many amazing start-ups (and more coming every day). How do we integrate those with the community and allow for opportunity for local students and professionals to engage with these businesses. Housing. Costs are super high as we all know, especially in the city of Boulder. Mixed use -- how can we bring more mixed use into existing neighborhoods? Like the Ideal Market, Lucky's market areas -- can this be expanded to other neighborhoods successfully? For example, would be great to have spaces more like this near 48th/55th and Arapahoe.

Not trying to pack in a bunch of people where there is not room. Planning and City Council seems focused on cramming in a bunch of "teachers and firefighters" who have chosen to live in Lafayette and Erie where they can actually purchase a big house for less than half what a small house here would cost. They trade off commuting in for a better house. They DO NOT NEED to LIVE HERE! Manhattan has 1.8 million people that commute in for jobs, but they do not need to live on Park avenue to work in the city. All vibrant cities have more jobs than housing provides. Stop trying to ruin it for everyone by trying to shoehorn in a bunch of people. Soon you will have only "affordable housing" and very wealthy people, with no room for the middle class or families. Improving Boulder does not mean more of the 3-4 story housing crap being built everywhere along all our streets. Tell the developers to give it a rest already, we do not want their ugly crap blocking our views and clogging our streets!

We need to focus on building a great performance space (there are not enough venues for performance) and making Boulder a national destination for performance (i.e. like Aspen). We should move the city out of Pearl Street (I think their offices would be better located somewhere else where there is more parking)...The Pearl Street space could be better utilized for other things (municipal or commercial). I think the Boulder's restrictive growth policies are environmentally damaging and causing sprawl in other areas. Likewise, I think the county's restrictive growth policies are just causing the current landowners to become richer. There is really limited space for businesses and thus our underlying tax base.

Eliminating democracy altogether. Just let the Board of PLAN-Boulder directly appoint the city council and various city boards without the formality, expense and pretense of having these silly elections.

Build more areas like Pearl Street. More restaurants and retail. Sidewalks. More walkable, like a city.

Keeping the Boulder Culture alive and cultivated. We need to hold the planning board, city planning

employees, and city council accountable to enforce the Boulder Comprehensive plan. If we do, then there will be more means to cultivate far more unique and diverse communities and neighborhoods around Boulder.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING! Many of the folks who make the city thrive are working in lower-paying jobs, such as food service or other such industries. Ignoring them, and their housing needs, would be done at the City's peril. Pricing these hard working individuals out of the housing market would make for a cold, sterile environment of the insulated well-to-do, leaving the City a bland mono-culture. Secondly, I believe that water management/conservation will be critical. Living in a semi-arid climate is challenging enough; add in the pressure on the water sources from continued growth, as well as the unknown variables of Climate Change, and planning and forethought to preserve our life blood should be paramount!

Fixing the roads. Road maintenance is a critical issue. The City and County needs to maintain the roads they own and are responsible for. There is the viewpoint that somehow the City and County are not responsible for maintaining roads. This is totally backwards. I understand that powerful politicians have a viewpoint that automobile travel is bad, but this is very childish and not at all realistic. Boulder is reliant on roadways for commerce and quality of life. Boulder is not Manhattan or San Fransisco and never will be. The current policies for road maintenance in the City and County is unsustainable and will lead to political change.

Maintaining. As we mature, it may be harder to control our "weight" but we must. The easy way is to let Boulder keep growing. When I drive around Boulder I see a run down city. The new buildings stick out like a sore thumb. I say, let's maintain what we have before we build more. Our streets are tired. We need to spruce up the town all over. That is why if you continue to grow, you must have them pay into city services. I prefer not to keep growing. I prefer to maintain what we have. We are plenty viable. Let's not be greedy.

- First stop all of the development and determine what the new Boulder identity is - by polling every constituent in the City and listening to them in order to form a general consensus; - **LISTEN TO YOUR CONSTITUENCY - THE PEOPLE WHO PAY THE BILLS AND ELECT YOU**; - Eliminate the activist, incestuous and special interest staffers, committee members with the City operations; - Mandate a full disclosure of financial investments, business relationships, personal financial benefits to all staffers, committee members and "consultants" involved in development to ensure no financial benefit or intangible personal gain of any sort is gained from City positions; - Set term limits for all council and committee positions; - Elect, rather than appoint, a mayor; - Stop spending on the municipality! Remember Enron - you're following to the same dreamers/scammers, whatever. Some folks are not into rolling power outages; - Stop the living lab/social experimentation - it's insulting, expensive and worthless; - Begin a process for assessment and hiring of "consultants" to ensure there are no conflicts, relationships, financial benefits and measurable results of their work - they should be considered a "last resort"; - Initiate a complete, thorough review of City expenses - and make reductions despite the fat property tax assessments; - Spend cost savings on rebuilding City infrastructure - including post flood issues and roads; - Develop a Comprehensive Plan - and follow it!! Exemptions should be minimal and based on extreme circumstances - easily definable in quantitative terms; - Implement realistic city zoning codes and stick to them; - Weight-restrict roads - so all of the heavy construction equipment pays for the long-term damage/use of City roads; - Stop with all of the California consultants who can't relate to anyone outside of California - input needs to come from a variety of applicable cities (New York, Chicago, the Netherlands are not relative comps); - OSMP needs to stop buying land and maintain what they have - no more land purchases, until what we have is adequately managed.

Keeping Boulder's building rules, blue line, building height, in tack so that people don't kill our beautiful lands.

maintaining the mountains view and ready access to the mountains for the entire city. This translates to curbing additional high rises and maintaining or reducing population density and housing density. If more people continue to come, the city limits need to expand, and more roads and infrastructure must be provided.

Slow down on population and commercial growth. Not building any more buildings over the zoned

height. Not allow exemptions for height, setback, parking, etc for new development. Make traveling by car as pleasant as possible. Improve bike paths, but don't cut down on traffic lane on streets like Folsom, etc. Keep East Arapaho as a transition area from high density Boulder Junction to rural open space area between Boulder and Lafayette/Louisville. Keep any new buildings on E. Arapaho only 3 stories and have good design of the buildings. Buy more open space in town - this is where we need to see more greenery and buy up properties that would otherwise become commercial and add more commuter traffic. Creates open space on East Arapaho. Those of us who live East of 30th will basically be blocked from coming into Boulder with all the Boulder Junction development and traffic. We need a grocery store - something nice like small Alfa's in Louisville on East Arapaho.

Not selling out on a few of the things Boulder tax payers historically worked for--the things that make Boulder great. Protect Open space, the green belt and parks. Don't over build or forget to water the parks because it is PC. Avoid boosting amenities for people who are transient, or impoverished. They may not be here not to make Boulder better. Stay adaptable and insure Boulder's survival. This means do not completely give up on the ability to produce power from coal. Do not buy into the latest environmental friendly incentivized energy plan. Don't replace current roads with bike lanes. The number of people in cars out number the number of people on bikes thousands to one (add up day and night summer and winter). Bikes already have use of the right lane (and I have 3 bikes). Keep parks available for locals to use as so many are so busy with out of town people, particularly out of town dogs. Start enforcing littering of dog poop and human trash on public lands.

Boulder has grown and changed and its government should too. It is time to elect city council by districts, with some generally elected, to better ensure appropriate representation of Boulder's diverse neighborhoods and constituencies. There is some impression that all are NOT represented. I would like less focus on right-sizing. I am an older woman with arthritis; no way I am getting back on a bike. Are families using bikes to take their kids to schools of choice, charter, and/or private schools? Are they biking them to music and sporting lessons/events/practices? Families may bike all weekend, but roads should be for weekday use, too. I would like a focus on something other than bikes. Let's maintain our open space, improve busing, help seniors, and improve schools.

enforcing existing noise and other regulations irrespective of popularity or difficulty (e.g., loud motorcycles, late parties, littering, US citizenship, etc.); fast-track free high-speed internet City-wide; tempering (reducing) taxes spent or subsidies/incentives given to "elite/elitist" athletic events and facilities (e.g., sports complexes) so that primarily "regular people" populate our town; reducing prevalence of scrape/speculative development; devising some method, probably tax-based, of limiting the opportunities for oligarchy (such as long-established realtors and developers); reducing tax burden of City residents; accepting the prospect of actually running out of developable space and a future of static density and population (as opposed to continuing growth); reducing time & money spent by City staff and organizations on truly global issues that the City of Boulder cannot realistically affect; reducing elected officials' time spent on feel-good poster issues, instead requiring they focus on issues that actually affect residents of Boulder; if a municipal electric utility does launch, making sure emergency response and maintenance are ready immediately to step up and perform - no excuses.

Families. I have an almost 2 year old and almost 5 year old and it's obvious we are losing a lot of families to the surrounding L-towns. I realize part of this is due to house prices which can't be adjusted through a planning document. But I'd love to see more focus on supporting the families who are in Boulder. Improve parks (provide shelters and shade at existing parks, such as Burke Park. There are tons of kids moving to the Frasier Meadows neighborhood and the only playground is at Horizons school [off limits to the neighborhood much of the time]), increase kid activities for the Boulder community (e.g., community day at Scott Carpenter park last year was great), carefully plan new developments (e.g., would be great to have something similar to the Lucky Pie/Sweet Cow area in Louisville where kids can eat pizza, get ice-cream and parents can chill in a fenced area. I think Lafayette has some restaurants like this too). The area at 29th street mall has room for new businesses that could develop this sort of feel. Seems like North Boulder has done a better job nurturing the families than south Boulder. I heard talk of a year round farmers market - love that idea!

Making mandates in the comprehensive plan enforceable at all levels of planning. Ensuring that zoning actually implements the comprehensive plan goals. By-right uses should actually match the purposes

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| specified.. Developing a program for neighborhood planning and/or subarea planning, operating from the bottom-up. Implementing the long-standing comprehensive plan goal of requiring development to pay its own way. Consider which areas need to be moved into Area III. |
| Building & improving upon educational and recreational opportunities, especially those aimed towards children and families. (Our recreational facilities and almost-nonexistent museums feel old & tired compared to neighboring communities) Continue to make Boulder an attractive location for people to live and companies to relocate/start-up. This may mean adding more housing, specifically higher density options and improving transit options into and around the city. |
| Controlling rent and housing costs - Normal people are being driven out of Boulder and it is turning into a haven for rich white people who invest in rental properties and then charge more money than anyone can afford. Rent has tripled in the last 10 years according to many conversations I've had with long time residents. |
| Public Transit/ (ego) car-share - establish reliable, viable alternative to individual cars. Collaborate with top largest local employers to solve housing and traffic dilemmas. Enhancement of commercial corridors and support for mixed use development. Support community dialogue, ease confrontation and find common goals. Smart long-term planning; strategic allocation of financial, natural and human resources. Be creative with underutilized resources (human, spacial, ect). CU campus and local experts have a lot to offer. More trees, zero-scaping, water features to reinforce public places and local landmarks. |
| I see a fear on the part of some of the population of change. We all have a vision of Boulder as a livable city as we have seen that vision in Europe. I would like more localized commercial access to outlying neighborhoods and more easy accessible public transportation. The cities in Europe, namely Germany, that I find attractive, have all the locally available amenities but are much more densely populated. That dense population creates the economic feasibility for the transportation and commercial enterprises to succeed. I fear of dense population will doom our vision of a walkable, 'cycleable' city. I have a feeling that fear of dense population is fear of other people. By keeping Boulder expensive and not crowded we can keep 'our type ' around us. That is called segregation and is against the law of the land. The problem with infill is not crowds but as Jimmy Carter once said is a spiritual/moral question. So I want us to focus on dealing with each other. We don't have to like each other, we simply must tolerate and respect each other. It is not easy but cultures throughout history that have tolerated differences thrive. Currently I don;t see that her is Boulder or for that matter nationally. |
| Outlying Parking with bus service into Boulder Mass transit esp to Longmont, Louisville and Lafayette Decentralization of Power Grid with more assistance to individual homeowners to allow them to generate and sell back power STOP raising taxes for everything but schools |
| Affordable (at least by local standards) housing, maintaining our environment, protecting Boulder's character. |
| maintaining the culture with the increasing population. We cannot build on Chautauqua or Sanitas to provide housing for people, |
| Between now and 2030, we need to focus on... expanding mix-use neighborhoods with continued consciousness for the environment. We need to maintain Boulder's attraction through the natural and built environments while keeping Boulder affordable for a diverse group of citizens. |
| Managing development, protecting our open space and historic architectural. Encouraging diversity and developing and protecting affordable housing. More mass transit and making Eco passes available to more Boulder residents. |
| Finding a good balance between the number of projected new employees in the city and available housing. If the city adds many more employees than it has housing to serve them, it's going to increase what are already high levels of traffic congestion. People and visitors to the city are not going to be happy about this. Keeping the 54 ft and 35 ft building height limits intact. Without those limits, Boulder would now be looking like one of the large cities rather than having the small town image it has at the moment. The height limit also preserves the views of our beautiful Flatirons. Building parks not just more neighborhood density. Parks make a town fun for everyone, citizens and visitors alike. That's why I like |

the plan to add more park space in the central area. In addition, any new and larger developments should be required to have a park. Historic preservation of homes and buildings. Over the 46 years that I've lived in Boulder, I've seen beautiful homes from the 1800's torn down in my neighborhood. How sad to see such historic homes lost forever. The increasing traffic congestion in town. Too many cars are coming from the outlying towns and this will get worse if Boulder increases the number of jobs. The right sizing of Folsom and the plan to right size two other major streets will only make the traffic problems worse, as we're seeing on Folsom now. Noise levels on the downtown mall which have been rising in the last year or so. Living four blocks north of that mall, I can testify to the fact that, in the summer when open windows are a necessity, getting to sleep with all the noise downtown can be difficult, Please consider monitoring the downtown noise levels after 9 p.m.

Infrastructure! Roads, parking, facilities for the people that travel in and out of Boulder.... I read an article that stated that Boulder is poised to increase job capacity by perhaps 50K jobs in the next 20+ years, but only a quarter of that in housing. That's all great, but what is Boulder doing about the infrastructure for commuters? Boulder being a hub for jobs means there will be more commuters coming and out of the city, yet it doesn't seem like there is any care or focus on the infrastructure needs to support the increased commuters. If anything it appears as if commuters are being neglected... I don't know what the right answer is, but the infrastructure needs of Boulder seem lacking at best.

-building community between different groups of people including families of color with white families and families from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. -creating more festivals that are focused on "locals" rather than attracting a large crowd from outside of Boulder to celebrate our city and who we are (example: Longmont's festivals)

making certain we don't grow any more. We need to limit jobs/commercial and restore our residential growth management system

Local Food infrastructure and politics to facilitate a rural renaissance that will build resilience and enhance the community's triple bottom line: We need new Farmer incubation infrastructure on Open Space land like the Intervale in Burlington, VT. We need to Broaden the definition of Sustainable Farming to include all sorts of value added processing: Agritourism, and Cottage industry (even on conservation easement Ag. Land) - All the hard stuff that was tabled in the County's last revision of Ag policies (We need to accommodate the reality that Sustainable Farming which builds soil and sequesters carbon is inherently labor intensive and ensure that our Land Use codes do not penalize this fact by restricting farming enterprises). We need to elevate ecological understandings in our policy decisions and revisit policies that do not penalize the use of monocrop agriculture and it's corollary chemical use (and other practices which degrade the ecosystem) on Open Space. Boulder Valley should sponsor a Food Freedom Ordinance similar to those proliferating in Maine to protect and promote unimpeded access to Local Food- asserting the right of Boulder Valley residents to produce, process, sell, purchase, share and consume local foods. Economic Liberty is essential to Food Freedom and must be restored by removing overzealous food safety regulations and bureaucratic hoops if the Local Food Movement is going to gain traction.

Electing new city council members, planning, board, BCHA, and county commissioners because they are ruining what used to be a great city and surrounding areas. i.e. the livable lab debacle, all the homeless people coming to Boulder. We don't need a pothead on every corner begging for money. Not everyone needs to live in Boulder/Gunbarrel area.

1. Raising the County minimum wage to a livable wage so that people working minimum wage can still afford to buy an apartment here in Boulder County. 2. Getting rid of most car traffic by putting in an extensive light rail system, doubling and adding new bus and bike routes, getting rid of extra car lanes and using them for public transportation only, bikes and open space, 3. Increasing the costs of driving (parking and fees) so more people use public transportation more often. 4. Saying goodbye to Xcel and using renewable energy only. Providing most homes with solar. 5. Making sure all new home developments must have at least 30% of the development go towards the affordable housing pool. 6. Housing the homeless and providing them the services they need. (Like Salt Lake City is). Also then banning begging in Boulder County.

1) Providing middle income affordable housing to all the new employees coming in with new businesses.

By that I mean housing that is honestly and truly affordable to actual middle income people. Not just the opinion of the City Counsel regarding what middle income people can afford. Look to Gunbarrel as a model community of what is actually affordable to real middle income people. 2) Continue to leave county residents in the county, if as a neighborhood, they do NOT want to be annexed.

Creating more density to make it even more of a walkable place. We also need to focus on building more affordable housing, both for students, as well as families, so that Boulder is a place for everybody, not just the rich.

affordable housing, environment, public transportation, growth, density, cost of living, habitat, trails, pollution, traffic, rising taxes

Maintaining our quality of life. The gross (in both senses of the word) building where the Daily Camera used to be is a thumb in the eye to residents. We have been asleep. Hopefully the two initiatives to be voted on this fall will give us some protection.

1. removing the "Right Sizing of Folsom" and not "Right Sizing Iris, 55th, and 63rd. 2. Minimize height and set back variances 3. Not over building 4. Keeping easy access by car to downtown Boulder, otherwise it will not survive 5. making new developments have enough new parking for employees, occupants and for guest 6. City of Boulder should stop wasting money for a new Electric Co. 7 Provide adequate roads for workers and students to drive into the City of Boulder for work 8. Minimizing the amount of land annexed into the City 9. Reduce the amount of City and County Employees

1. Controlling the pace of infrastructure change that is currently accelerating throughout the city. 2. Carefully and cautiously protecting the best of what many of us who live here have created over the years, through our hard work, tax dollars, and time. Preserving and improving what works well in Boulder for ourselves and future generations. 3. Becoming a model for other cities to follow regarding work/play balance, community involvement, fostering opportunities to improve individually, encouraging creativity and health, and protecting the ecosystem in our backyard and around the planet. 4. Strengthening our sense of community, while not overstepping our ability to include everyone that wants to live here at the expense of loosing the qualities that make Boulder a special place to be. 5. Keeping taxes in check by limiting demand for services, government growth for growth's sake, and eliminating wasteful municipal spending practices. 6. Reigning in practices in the business community that do not align with common core values of the citizens of Boulder. 7. Fostering a sense of citizen responsibility for the embodied costs and impacts of our collective consumption, development, growth, and acknowledging an obligation towards building an equitable social fabric in the community.

...creating a Boulder that is affordable for people who work here, rather than a Boulder that caters to the needs of the wealthy elite, and the tourists. We need more affordable housing, reasonable rent options, and a living wage. Workplaces (particularly those supported by The City, like The Dairy Center for the Arts & the Museum of Boulder) need to promote positive, enlightened work cultures & be held accountable for how they spend our tax dollars. For example, my family does not want its sales tax dollars funding organizations that have been cited for creating "hostile" work environments (Dairy). Boulder needs to invest more in activities and programs that support and enrich the average person, and our families. We are being left out of the equation. I don't ride a bicycle, & don't have the disposable income to attend concerts and theater performances, or eat at the pricey Boulder "farm to table" restaurants. My family occasionally walks downtown to hear "Band on the Bricks," but we always come away disappointed because we had to sip our beer in a "cage." (In contrast, the Louisville Street Faire promotes community spirit and is a fun place to spend a summer evening, with fewer rules and regulations being imposed.) Between now & 2030, let's focus on loosening up, Boulder. Let's embrace the "little guy," not the realtors, contractors, lawyers, investment bankers & rich white people who think they "know what's best" for everyone else.....Walk your talk. Forget about how you "look" from the outside, and cultivate a true heart, not a "theme park."

Continuing to move forward with infrastructure upgrades, modernization and revitalization projects that make transportation oriented development feasible. This includes density along transportation corridors that will also allow for affordable housing developments, mixed-use projects that allow residents to travel less for retail and pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods that are kid-friendly to attract families to stay in Boulder.

Slow the intense growth currently underway, don't stop it just let up on the gas! Boulder is an example of smart growth, but not lately. Keep the high rise condos and apartments near the business districts, and allow the neighborhoods to remain just that, neighborhoods. The town is starting to become too dense, and loose it's charm, and what attracts people to it.

Improving the environmental design of everything within the city. More green buildings, inclusive planning, a unique architecture that captures the attention of the world. Why build another boring apartment complex when we have the ability to build a fascinating, green, creative building? It may cost more, but in the end, the cost is little to the impact being made.

Conserving our local environment and livability. Realizing that we can't build our way out of affordable and available housing and business issues. A city is much more livable if it is not taken over by the automobile. Keep working on pedestrian and bicycle access and mobility.

US 36 noise abatement. Those dwelling in south Boulder, especially the Martin Acres and Frasier Meadows areas, have had their quality of life immensely adversely affected by the incessant, 24/7, roar of traffic along this major highway corridor, especially between Table Mesa and Baseline. For more than 3 decades, this exponentially growing problem has been perennially ignored, foisted off from city, to county, to CDOT, to state and back again. The Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan urgently needs to address this issue, now, not 15 years from now.

Improving traffic flows. Keeping open space open. Addressing middle class housing needs. Stop building ugly apartments all over the city!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

controlled growth, preserving the Boulder Culture of a small town feel in a city plan, and re-balancing between corporations / companies / investors / developers, and the everyday regular citizen of Boulder.

Not losing any more livability. Nothing we do will change the growth around us and it is delusional to believe it will. It is dishonest, at the least, for those who benefit from growth to promote it based on environmental arguments. We can at least keep this place livable, and doing so is not preventing others from enjoying the foothills or living and working nearby. Boulder never has been affordable. We can slowly expand keeping in proportion to the same numbers of jobs and housing diversity we now have. We should be striving not to hose the diversity we now have, or better as it existed until about the year 2000, rather than trying to change it and force middle income families into the concrete jungle of 55 foot tall apartments. Sadly, if I were moving here today, I'd choose a town to the east before I'd accept an apartment surrounded by concrete. Like many people, I'd commute from the sand and sagebrush between here and Kansas before I'd live for very long in any of those areas or raise a family there.

creating more accessible places for students and lower-income individuals to live. At the moment the gentrification is so bad that a good deal of students can't afford to live in the city itself and have to commute, and its so expensive that the school might as well be private. More efforts by the city to manage traffic and construction would also be ideal.

Energy independence Push the envelope for anything related to sustainable living even further - we need to lead the way or at least be in front of the pack Continue to help education. Integrate the Hispanic population (make it possible for Hispanic kids to join sports organizations (soccer etc.)) Help artists - without them the town will become boring Keep the affordable housing program alive and fund it. Let the elderly share their homes in small independent communities (more than 4 people living in a single home). In relation to farming: Allow more energy efficient greenhouses to be built. Protect and Promote unimpeded access to local foods by Passing a Community Food Freedom Ordinance - Assert the right of Boulder Valley residents to produce, process, sell, purchase, share and consume local foods (as in Wyoming and in numerous towns in Maine). Economic Liberty is essential to Food Freedom and must be restored by removing overzealous food safety regulations and bureaucratic hoops if the Local Food Movement is going to gain traction. Lease open space to local farmers growing local food- Remove the barriers including embedded paradigms that favor leasing our Agricultural Open Space to mono-crop commodity farmers. Invest public funds in the necessary infrastructure for local food production- Help local farmers get a start. Look to the model of the Intervale (www.intervale.org) in Burlington Vermont for inspiration. Pressure local farmers into best practices that build soil organic matter and sequester carbon - Promote no till, cover crops and avoidance of ecosystem-damaging chemical sprays - stop pressuring

farmers into organic certification above organic principals. Rewrite Land Use codes to encourage and allow complementary cottage industries on Agricultural Land with minimal restrictions - Allow multiple primary land uses on agricultural properties - production of wine on vineyards, let farmers have B&Bs, promote agritourism.... Renovate Open Space owned farmhouses and put farmers in them - Work with farmers to restore our degraded lands and bring back the family farm in Boulder County (a farm house is hardly a farm house without a farmer living in it).

1. Offering attractive and safe alternatives to single occupancy vehicle trips. More off-street bike paths, more complete street projects, better enforcement of speeding/safety laws, expansion of pedestrian-only zones, MUCH better public transit, park-n-ride & shuttle services for in-commuters from Lafayette & Longmont, etc. Consider breaking free of RTD and forming a new transit district for Boulder and Broomfield counties - we are just subsidizing RTD's investments in south Denver suburbs right now. 2. Enabling socioeconomic diversity through affordable housing. Encourage long-term rentals of ADUs, not short-term AirBnB profit centers. Discourage investors snapping up units for short-term rentals. Enable more legal co-ops especially for seniors. Offer home ownership assistance programs for working, middle income folks who don't qualify for affordable housing programs but still can't afford Boulder prices. 3. Focusing on near-term solutions for clean energy. Stop spending so much money on the muni which may result in emissions reductions in a decade or later. Spend that money on direct incentives for solar and efficiency instead.

Helping Boulder to be a place for all people to live in, not just the wealthy. It's selfish of us to keep trying to promote no or limited growth and exclude people from living here.

Traffic. Boulder's popularity is a good thing, however several intersections in town are difficult to negotiate due to increasing traffic. For example, a left turning arrow would be a good idea on the the intersection between Baseline and Broadway (when turning north up Broadway from Baseline). Also, the intersection in front of the Main Library really needs to be a 4 way stop. It is sometimes very difficult to exit the parking lot turning left towards Broadway. How can we make commuting easier between Boulder, nearby towns and Denver? I have only been in Boulder for 1 year, so do not know the history of traffic planning, but I have noticed that the HOV lane on 36 seems underused - commuters seem to be mainly one person in one car. Are there options for light rail into Denver?

Boulder needs to focus on affordable housing, so that a wider range of individuals can enjoy it too. As Boulder grows it needs to focus on what has already been built and ways to improve the land, views, and dynamic we already have. Furthermore as more people move here, better modes of transportation such as a light rail and more bike lanes and pedestrian access needs to continue to be implemented to combat traffic.

I would like to see more affordable retirement housing within the city core....e.g....the old Boulder Community Hosp. on Balsam/Broadway could be converted to 1-2 bedroom apartments with shopping on bottom level. I'd like to see more small shuttles in neighborhoods where the monster buses now service. I'd like to see dead / ugly strip malls re-used or restored to attractive city-scapes....I'd like to see shopping 'districts' in all subdivisions....that is, one street with SMALL grocery (NOT 7/11s), a UPS, a cafe/restaurant, a SMALL hardware store, etc. SMALLer is better. All suburbs / neighborhoods / quarters, should have such a street dedicated to shopping and within walking distance of most of the surrounding homes. example: Moorhead St. would be a shopping area for Martin Acres. Shuttle size buses would circulate. All streets within City should have shared bike/ped lanes. No on-street parking except for residents. I would like to see SMALL outlying parking areas with shuttle services into town.

Expanding the city limits to give people to breathe stretch their arms and enjoy the finest location in the west. Do not build more high rise units that leave us with th feeling that we are a New York giving us canyons among the buildings. We have land surrounding our city that could be used and still have some open space. Our transportation system need to structured better and expanded even if we have to have our own light rail. Enough of the large multi floor buildings. Save the view for all of us when we look west. Be a little more conservative is our decisions on big buildings.

Higher density development, continuing to implement new transit options both in town and connecting to surrounding communities.

Since we are intent on making the town less car-friendly and put pressure on drivers to take non-single-passenger-vehicle trips (the non-expansion expansion of Arapahoe and Hwy 36 being emblematic examples), and with the city budget rising an unconscionable 19% last year while putting new taxes on the ballot - taxes for great allocations but which should have come from the routine city budget and not special taxes - the least the city should be able to do now is to provide all citizens with Eco-Passes. THAT, more than right-sizing Folsom, and even with Iris and 63rd, would do more to get people out of their cars. Eco-Passes for all! If we're not getting rail (granted, it's RTD budget and not city, but still), and the streets are not being expanded, while multi-use paths are being expanded (I love love love the bike-path tunnels under Iris and Valmont and elsewhere), then please - puh-lease! - get Eco-Passes for all. That should be the next great transportation idea put to fruition.

1. There are no patio homes, in developments designed with seniors in mind. We need senior living areas, that are affordable, accessible, and not assisted living apartments. 2. We need more neighborhood parks and neighborhood "shopping (coffee shops, clothes, eating..." areas, so that people can walk/ride bikes. 3.

Boulder's focus, now and always, should be creating a sustainable environment for Boulder residents and to preserve the sense of place that makes it a desirable place for people to live.

(a) creating neighborhoods by creating incentives for neighborhood stores that are within walking distance (up to 1 mile) throughout Boulder. These could be individual stores on corners providing food (grocery; local farm produce and meats; coffee/tea shops; restaurants), and services (copying, bike repair, insurance, hardware, cleaners, etc.). I know this bucks the trends of the last 70 years, but the challenge for the next 15 years is to return to a people-based city. (b) noise reduction and abatement along US36 at the southern edge of Boulder. (c) acquire the "South Campus" land south of Table Mesa for Boulder Open Space.

Not making the Jobs/Housing balance worse. Building smartly. Stop building more offices than houses. Current buildings Pearl West, Hotels at 28th & Canyon, the entire Boulder Junction area including the GooglePlex, are out of character with Boulder. We need to put a stop to these buildings that are getting height exemptions. It should be very rare that buildings are able to get exemptions.

Reducing congestion and traffic by supporting more bike-friendly streets; focus on pedestrian and cyclist safety and this will encourage more residents to ride their bikes. Currently, in areas such as 28th street (36) and 30th, the traffic is so congested, it makes cycling dangerous. Also - to help improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, make it a law that drivers can be fined for talking or texting on their cell phones while driving, without using a wireless headset device or blue tooth. There are SO many distracted drivers in Boulder. Especially at intersections when they are waiting for the light to change. I have witnessed a cyclist get hit because of this reason. Keeping open space protected. Part of Boulder's beauty is the same mountain view for all and lack of expansion. Continue protecting the open space!

1) Boulder County's piece of the regional (plain and mountain) environmental fabric, fully considering surficial geometry, hydrology, geological composition, air sheds, viewsheds, plant and animal communities and every other static and dynamic environmental process, both quantitatively and qualitatively.. This is a necessary piece to build a true comprehensive future-oriented plan. 2) Boulder County's transportation fabric, considering it as part of an emerging regional structure.. This structure needs to be a fully multimodal, accessible, scalable system that considers issues such as the mismatches between where people are living and where they work, and the patterns of settlement and future development occurring inside and outside of urban boundaries. 3) Every level of sustainability, obviously energy sources and use, but also other issues such as the stability of the economy, generators of wealth and economic growth, and physical sustainability such as non-destructive reuse of existing building fabrics and all other resources.. The damage we are doing to our environment on every level must be contained and stopped and this plan should offer a clear road map to do so as well as considering mitigation of the effects of global climate change that are already occurring.

I think the city of Boulder needs to focus on a few areas. First, we need to continue to improve our alternative transpiration systems and portion of use of the systems. I really like the current living lab project on Folsom street, expanding the bikeability of Boulder. Maybe for the future a city wide bus

pass?!? The city also needs to put an emphasis on green energy! We are doing a good job on this, but I think we need to put this at the for front. I also live in the Steel Yards, right in the middle of all the development for the developing neighborhood of the Depot Junction. I think it is important to continue to focus Boulder's development here. Slowly but surly this neighborhood is becoming more and more vibrant and the continued development will also help further the cities goals of alternative transpiration and livable neighborhoods.

Keeping Boulder affordable for the people of modest means who live here. This might include dropping sales taxes and other taxes on food, gasoline, and utilities. Lowering or eliminating property taxes on properties valued less than \$250,000. Encouraging more cooperatives. Supporting nonprofit organizations. Putting a library branch in Gunbarrel.

I think that decreasing the homeless population is a realistic goal for 2030. Whether the solution is more affordable housing units or more accessible homeless shelters, I believe something should be implemented to focus on this issue.

Upgrading and improving the roads and highways in and around Boulder to be more CAR-friendly -- NOT bike-friendly. Traffic congestion in Boulder has gotten out-of-hand; and the current City Council's actions with removing traffic lanes from major streets are just making things worse. We should be focused on improving the flow of VEHICLE traffic in Boulder. This should include the removal of every mid-block flashing crosswalk throughout the City, as well as REMOVING bike lanes from some of the major arterial streets The focus should be on timing traffic signals in such a way as to keep vehicle traffic moving. No more "experiments" with WRONG-SIZING streets by taking away traffic lanes!

preserving neighborhoods, keeping the city from a development explosion that intrudes on vulnerable neighborhoods. We also need to have city staff and city council that lead by example -- if they want to upzone, they need to start in their own neighborhoods to see if it works, not throw the usual burdens on the same neighborhoods that already have all the affordable housing projects that don't exist in city staff/council neighborhoods. No single neighborhood should alone bear the burden of being "permanently affordable." The city needs to get real about the impacts of its actions. The city also needs to realize that it needs to balance its rush to affordable housing with the fact that many people who have lived here for a long period of time and have invested heavily in Boulder via time and money are now on fixed incomes, and rely on their property values to survive. Given current trends, I know there is no way I can ever retire in Boulder -- thanks to city policy.

Moving away from an automobile dominated transportation model, which means better opportunities for walking, biking and transit. We can do this by removing parking subsidies that we all pay and creating better transit for bicycles and pedestrians. This is the only way to accomplish our climate goals. Making Boulder affordable, but not through the lottery system available today. The only data point that matters is that job growth is vastly outpacing home growth, and no amount of market manipulation can overcome this. The discussion on our economic future is the only one that matters, and the only one that is not being seriously discussed. Zoning could solve this, and ensure that unincorporated BoCo pockets within the cities functional limits are allowed to vote on city matters. Making the muni a success and rolling out fiber broadband. Our internet service is also abysmal and overpriced. Becoming a model for sustainability that the rest of the Front Range can follow. The current build out in the Denver suburbs and east is the epitome of the failed suburban style planning that destroys communities.

housing for the homeless Boulder residents maintaining open space getting a control on some of the bad architecture that has been going up lately (disjointed, industrial)

Accepting that growth is inevitable, while finding ways to preserve the characters of the existing communities. If we don't want to increase lanes of traffic and parking spaces within Boulder, we need to come up with realistic alternatives for commuters. Biking is terrific, but it is not a reasonable year-long solution for most people, so let's not pretend it is. Perhaps the strip of land between Foothills and Diagonal that the city council decided no one would like to live on could become a park and ride (with a gas station/charging station) for commuters from the north. I think the most important thing Boulder needs to focus on is getting everyone represented more equitably. Why do city council members not represent a wider range of city residents? And same for the county government. What changes could be made to encourage more representation? Are the various neighborhoods in Boulder being well

represented in other ways at sublevels of government? On a more personal note, I find it offensive that the residents of Gunbarrel and Twin Lakes (one of the last areas of naturally affordable housing in Boulder and home to the shrinking middle class) are being asked to accept a sudden influx of residents from new housing while simultaneously being asked to cough up more money for road maintenance that should have been taken care of a long time ago and give up two lanes of traffic for bikes! Yes, I know that we are talking about decisions made by two different entities (the city and the county) but it's important to understand that many of these homeowners have lived here for decades, paid taxes all that time, and are now feeling like huge decisions are being made about what their neighborhoods should look like without their input.

Between now and 2030 we need to focus on owning our own utility and reducing the carbon footprint of that energy. I am concerned about what has not changed much in the last 15 years in the land use department. Everybody is nice enough, but for people trying to make a living in agriculture and horticulture, there is too much restriction to our growth. Boulder is not like the area of Iowa where I come from where people realize that a farm building does not have to be built like it is going into the 29th Street Mall. And the fees charged to farmers make expansion very difficult. Ever since I purchased my land in 1985, the Comprehensive Plan has stressed the importance of supporting agriculture in Boulder County, but from what I have seen and heard from others, the Land Use Department treats ag permits the same as residential permits. And I don't think, as nice as those folks really are, that they understand or make any allowances for farm constructions. I have a plant nursery, but the buildings and the lifestyle are very similar to ag. If you've never tried agriculture or horticulture, you might not know that it's a lot of details every day, a lot of hard work and not much pay. And a lot of things can go wrong that are not your fault, like the weather. I worked 2 jobs for 15 years before my plant nursery made enough profit to pay me a salary. I am both a product of and a leader of the Boulder passion for sustainability. We have been a leader in raising landscaping plants without toxic pesticides and without polluting chemical fertilizers, our greenhouses are without propane lines, composting etc. We have specialized in, promoted and demonstrated gardening with natives, xeriscape, with organic methods and have supported bees and pollinators. Now we are able to expand our business, and I would hope that Boulder County would be glad to see us grow, supply pesticide-free plants to our area, hire more people, pay more sales tax etc. But what I am seeing is that I will be paying the same fees as if I were building a residence, not based on the amount of time needed to process and inspect my project, but based on the cost of materials and labor. I am not a rich developer. I work long hours and work smart to be able to pay my people and perform a good service and just barely be able to support myself and my family. This is common among the farm folk I know. If the Comp Plan mandates supporting agriculture, can't Boulder County do more to help us in the growing businesses. Isn't there some common sense possible to lighten up on restrictions and requirements that go far beyond safety, reliability and longevity. I have personal experience and have heard many stories of building requirements of farm sheds, for example, that could support a 2-storey residential building. So my suggestion is to ask: What can be done to Encourage agriculture, to Support agriculture and horticulture; and help to develop Boulder County as a genuine Local Food County, and a healthy and sustainable community? In 2030, I will be 84. I would like to see real progress in local food and regenerative landscaping and sustainability by then. Sincerely and warmly, Mikl Brawner Harlequin's Gardens

making Boulder more affordable. As a college student, I spend more on living expense than I do on school expense. My school work actually suffers from the time spent to make enough money to be able to live in Boulder to be able to go to school here. There is limited space in the city, but there is also underutilized space that could be used more adventitiously and in such a way as to help out students and other citizens that can't afford to live in town.

Slowing down push for growth. Help deal with transient / homeless populations that make community spaces feel unsafe and undesirable. Move city employees out to a space in East Boulder, not in to some of the most valuable, expensive real estate in the city. Buy the hospital space, but do something good for the community, not just to make a nice space for city employees to work. There is no need for city employees to have the nicest office space in Boulder. Rethink condemning Xcel. Use all those dollars to help make the homes of the city more energy efficient, install solar panels, etc. Term limit city council members. The vision of a few shouldn't run our city for too long. Keep working to revitalize the hill. Make it desirable for businesses. Work to control taxation. Encourage businesses to come to Boulder. Don't

make it harder with excessive taxes, regulations, and rules.

Continuing the path that Boulder has naturally taken on, not becoming too much of a tourist town, remembering what makes Boulder cool, and weird, will keep our town, my town, a great place. Our Prude (I said it) City Council has made nudity illegal in all of Boulder... unless you are rich enough to have a 6' fenced in yard. Make a section of a remote lake or reservoir a Clothing Optional area! Florida did it on Haulover beach to successfully deter criminal activity, and sees great revenue from visitors who see it as a destination. Also, on the clothed side- small, local businesses are in need of affordable locations to set up shop... but without becoming a Socialism Model! Tough rope to walk! The best, most creative people don't often have a storefront due to costs. We need to pave our stricken roads that are full of holes. We should follow an example Germany set forth by outlawing studded snow tires, perhaps to start only in non-winter months, as these are pavement destroyers and cost the city in the long run. We should also consider long term investment of concrete roads... much more environmental than stinky, chemical laden heated petroleum base. We should increase use of our rail system, and for goodness sake, make an agreement with the railroad to repair, improve and replace rail crossings in a timely manner, not just when "they get around to it" - they truly are dangerous to cross on a bicycle!!!

Getting homeless people off the streets and into better living conditions. As well as address more affordable housing for the entire population.

After 40+ years of living here there is now more open space than when I moved here, and yet, I have fewer trails to hike either by myself, or especially with my dog. OSMP has been co-opted by environmental fanatics restricting areas with their favorite catch word "critical". In addition, they have a distinct bias against dogs and mountain bikes. To prove their bias against dogs, I sat at a council meeting with the head of OSMP stating that dogs must be restricted from accessing certain creeks because their feet can carry Zebra Snails. Yet, questioned by [Council member] that how is it that the SNAILS don't stick to coyotes', racoons', big cats' and birds feet, he had no answer. Obviously, there's no science here and his reasoning is biased and nonsense. These are the sort of people making open space decisions. Open the Open Space to the public who paid for it! As such, people I know who have voted for Open Space funding in past years tell me that they will no longer vote for it.

Zero-population growth. It is not possible for everyone who wants to live here to actually live here without fundamentally changing the nature of the city and the reasons why people want to live here. Affordable housing is wasteful because it can never satiate demand and thus acts as a windfall to a lucky few. Let Boulder be Boulder. Don't let it grow and change. There are lots of places, such as Denver, with density and many apartment buildings. Boulder is distinctive, but can lose its distinction if it continues to allow the population to grow, which (given open space priorities) necessarily means more condos, apartments, etc.

Purchase MUCH more open space to keep a buffer from sprawl, improve wildlife corridors, trails, vistas, etc. Put recycle bins at ALL places where there are currently only trash cans (all trailheads, pull outs, downtown) Put a flashing "bicycle in tunnel" light that is push button activated by bikers using Boulder Canyon tunnel Restrict tall buildings, move parking underground Increase incentives for businesses and homeowners to recycle, compost, install solar panels Increase incentives/grants for energy audits and retrofits More bike lanes and safe biking infrastructure Increase funding for sustainable upkeep of current trails/trailheads Increase funding for invasive species removal Make bear resistant trash/recycle cans mandatory for all of Boulder County residents/businesses

Growing the city to house more great people in a way that allows less commuting and reduces our carbon footprint. We cannot shut the door behind us and try to freeze the city as it is now. Capitalize on tech, biotech, natural foods, the beer industry, etc. to grow employment opportunities. Create more affordable housing. Stop all but the most important open space acquisitions and focus on stewardship on those lands to connect and create opportunities for more use.

Seeking a balance between aesthetic and practical solutions to growth & development. Pay attention to the needs of the majority-- not the few fanatics. Consider the needs of all age groups-- there is a growing older population. Encourage establishment of good businesses-- they provide jobs & pay taxes

Zero growth. Boulder has become far too big for what it can actually handle. It has exceeded its carrying

capacity. Stop the insane policy of bringing more and more businesses to Boulder. We already have more jobs than residents, and if you count only "working age" residents, we have WAY more jobs than working age residents. This insane imbalance of too many jobs for the population base drives nearly every problem: housing prices, land prices for other things people could benefit from, and of course, the in-commuter problem. And by the way, the solution to the jobs/pop problem is NOT to grow the population and put all 60,000 in-commuters in Boulder. The City should never have let that problem develop to the degree it has. The City has no business punishing all existing residents, now, for its own ill-conceived manic policies that brought about our current tremendous excess of businesses for what the community can actually sustain. Talk about un-sustainable. Citizens shouldn't have to pay for the City's mistake(s). Understand that you have created a big problem, City of Boulder. And you need to take responsibility for it by placing a moratorium on any more companies moving to Boulder, until the natural cycle of companies moving out, or ending their natural life cycle can once again bring about a jobs/pop balance. The other thing is that the City needs to stop being such an advocate for growth. Our fully out-of-control, planning department staff are unapologetic zealots for growth. They will stop at nothing, including gerrymandering, cooking the books, and cheating in order to bring about their divine vision of Boulder. The problem is, it's not the vision most Boulderites want, except in the planning department's gerrymandered, unscientific, totally skewed surveys that target the population they know will give them the answers they want. The City continues to bring new planning staff who are known density zealots who don't care one iota about true public process, or exercising the actual will of the majority of the citizens. Staff are messianic advocates for growth, who think "they know better" than the "plebiscite" citizens. This needs to stop, now. Staff, and Council, need to remember that we exist in a nation and community of law. Elections don't go to the group of voters that got less votes. Nor should it be that the "few" get to dictate policy over the "many" and impose their nightmares of traffic, congestion, right-sizing, parking problems, and density on the rest of us. The problem is, the City has no idea what the majority of its citizens think. And it acts as if it doesn't care. This needs to stop, now. It's so typical of the City's manipulative practices, that it would let such an oversupply of jobs develop, and then say, "See, we HAVE to grow the population now." Please don't think that citizens are dumb enough to not see through that. It's par for the course with the City. Create a huge problem, manipulate, gerrymander, and then force the citizens to pay the price. And then vilify citizens who see through it all, and call foul on the whole process. At every 5 year update of the Comp Plan, the City should be required, by law, to allow every single registered voter to vote on the main points of decision in the Comp Plan, particularly the question of how much bigger do we want to grow. The Comp Plan, and the City's entire growth policy and planning should be based on a majority vote of the citizens.

not killing the goose that laid the golden egg. Stop the height exemptions. Require streetscaping including well-chosen and well-cared-for street trees of various species to reduce the heat island effect. Require parking lot trees to be watered. Encourage roof gardens for the same reason. Encourage "geothermal" heating and cooling (ground-source heat pumps) and rooftop solar for all new buildings--this would pay off financially and reduce carbon footprint, perhaps more than municipalization. Is there data to compare the upfront costs of municipalization with those of subsidizing household and neighborhood energy gathering? Don't make the automobile traffic worse by shrinking streets (return Folsom to 4 lanes) or densifying west of Foothills Parkway or current neighborhoods east of Foothills Parkway. Let growing startups move to Louisville, Lafayette, etc., with a bon voyage and no regrets. There will be other startups. They don't need to stay and grow in Boulder. No more bonanzas to companies like Google. Fix our city's infrastructure--sewer backup remains a concern. Return to the video inspection of sewer pipes to protect homeowners from preventable backups. Consider letting all homeowners along irrigation ditches buy back into the ditch company and use untreated water for landscaping--the ditches need more users and Boulder has plenty of water revenue. We don't need to put treated water on our lawns or xeriscapes--it is wasteful of energy and treatment plant infrastructure. Encourage homeowners to plant trees on the east and west sides of houses, but not on the south side to maintain solar access and not on the north side if the tree will shade another house or make a street icy. Determine safe bike paths through neighborhoods and paint green arrows along those streets. The blue signs with cute names are not getting the job done.

Showing the state and the country that different and diverse groups of people and entities can come together to; * a create a great place to live and work * balance effective government with fair taxes * protect our beautiful city though insuring clean water, clean energy, clean air and open spaces * provide

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| opportunities for business, governments and non-profits to collaborate * be recognized nationally for our efforts and successes * cleaning up areas, both physical and structural that don't represent what a great city we live in. This can be anything from dilapidated structures or lack of funding for startups |
| Accommodating growth in both population and employment, increasing non-public middle income housing, diversifying housing types to accommodate transients of all income levels. |
| Increasing affordable housing. My daughter is a physician who was born and raised in Boulder but couldn't afford to buy a decent house here, so moved to Lafayette. There need to be additional options for seniors to age in place with live-in companions, and more options for co-housing. I know many long-term residents oppose increased density, but we have to live in the future, not the past. |
| Continuing to grow at modest rates. Stopping growth is not viable. City infrastructure is a priority: water, waste, roads, parks, communications. |
| We need to focus on withholding the spirit of Boulder while housing the mass amount of incoming people. Because Boulder can only stretch to a certain size there is a homely feeling that exists from being surrounded by open space, but there are more and more people coming into the town who need a place to live. I understand the need for taller and larger apartment buildings like those on Pearl Parkway and 30th, but I think what makes Boulder a unique and special place is its unique architecture. The architecture of the new developments is not a good fit for Boulder. They are too sterile and the amenities are vastly underutilized. I don't think putting up 5 story apartment buildings with pools and gyms is going to keep Boulder beautiful and unique. The creek is always available and there are trails which span the city. So between now and 2030 Boulder needs to focus on what it does have and how to utilize those resources so it can continue to grow but in a way that is in line with what already exists. |
| Pushing the poor out of our community. We could build walls around the city and then charge people to come in. If you really deserve to live in Boulder then a charge of say \$30/entry shouldn't impact your life at all. It would help keep out the homeless people though. Boulder could also do a better job of getting more money out of students while representing them less. I think we could also just have public lists of the groups of people the city discriminates against starting with the homeless, Mexicans, African-Americans, students, the working class, the middle class, artisans, service industry people, artists, musicians, teachers, and generally any person who isn't wealthy because of their social or economic background. Boulder's already doing a pretty good job of protecting the rights of people with money and ignoring the people with less, so maybe I don't need to tell you these things because you are already on track to doing so. Just keep pushing through legislation that only benefits the rich homeowners that you view as the only people worthy of being called citizens in your city. And keep making legislation that makes it harder for your invisible low-income citizens to live here. But like I said, you are already doing a fantastic job of doing that. Congratulations on being part of such an outstanding successful government that does nothing to protect those that need it most. |
| Reviving existing neighborhoods. Martin acres where I live is a beautiful old neighborhood but it tends not to get the attention of the newer neighborhoods. Sound remediation from the increased traffic from Hwy 36 along the residential corridor should be a priority. |
| making sure that representative democracy works. the city of boulder must switch to voting districts. that way all voters have someone who represents them instead of the current system in which a council member "represents" all of boulder. then there will be honest collaboration for the betterment of boulder and not the ideological miasma of today. the county of boulder must depose the loonies who are county commissioners. pave the streets |
| Maintaining Boulder's unique character. Creating affordable housing for residents to help reduce the commute of people who work in the city. Educating the population about the city's sustainability goals and why they are important. Dealing with the networking cartels and providing reliable internet access. |
| Preventing types of growth and building which will negatively impact the quality of life of those who already live in Boulder. |

Additional Comments

The following are responses to “Do you have any additional comments for suggestions?” from the forms gathered at the kick off event and pop up meetings.

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| Avoid adding growth areas, and instead focus on density and redevelopment. |
| Be Realistic - there are real limits to our space + the number of residents we can sustain here. We cannot welcome everyone who wants to live + recreate here. |
| Boulder County residents are truly sick of the lip service they get from the Commissioners without any representation. Why can't they use our tax money to fix our roads, rather than start a thoughtless public housing project in Gunbarrel that doesn't bring in taxes but just harmful impacts to the rest of the residents. It's truly sickening. |
| Boulder is a very desirable place to live + work. I don't think it is a good idea to encourage more employment + encourage development. Please work to control growth, not encourage it. Also more mixed-use neighborhoods throughout - include reverse-engineering existing neighborhoods. |
| Boulder should not be hesitant about sharing its new/expanding business activity with many other Colorado cities that badly need new/clean businesses. |
| Boulder should not extend it's housing problem into established county communities |
| Boulder's current at large political structure - county and city - neglects participation of diverse voices in the political process. If we are thinking of 2030 - we must be thinking how we will house, feed, and service 2.5 to 3x the members of people already here. |
| Definitely older crowd here. Need to engage younger folks who need jobs, transportation, housing. Online? Web conferencing? Venue @ CU? |
| I enjoy the communication involvement, I am not sure about the middle class segment for Boulder -- and I'm not sure I'm comfortable with any government intervention. It's a great feel good ideas but too close of a baby step toward socialist. Having friends from former communist countries like Poland, the result is terrible. Ask someone who lived there pre 1990. |
| I live in Holiday. Come to our neighborhood, come often, and come sit at our park. City should use next door. |
| I love living here but it comes with financial sacrifices we wouldn't have to make in neighboring cities. Allowing more ADUs could help home owners like us especially if our college-aged kids are the ones living there. |
| I love the balance in Boulder between all the values. Just keep it affordable enough to live here that the entrepreneurs and spiritual teachers don't have to move elsewhere. |
| I love the right-sizing. More people/families riding on Folsom. Congestion by Pearl was already an issue. |
| I* I'd like Boulder to buy the ranch-land for sale on 93 just below Shanahan Ridge!! Open Space - not development! *Would want more mammal + bird protection & re-introductions!! *More renewable energy development * Light rail / trains |
| Keep rural, rural Q: What is appropriate use of planning reserve? Would like certainty of planning before use as it drives property values, etc. |
| Let people have new small stand-alone houses on small lots. Current regulations either stand-alone houses with land bloat (front/ back / sideyard setbacks) or rack em / pack em/ stack em sardine housing. |

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| Listen to what the community wants. Have developments pay more of their fair share instead of increasing home-owner's property tax. |
| Manage growth smartly without over managing . Diversity in a community is important & dependent on many things that will be a part of the comp plan - how to incorporate this priority into many of the focus topics? |
| More bike lanes. Go solar! tax breaks for renewables. |
| More pocket parks in neighborhoods to promote community. -- Get people out to meet their neighbors! |
| My son says that "near misses" have increased for him as a biker on Folsom since "right-sizing." He says drivers seem more oblivious of bicycles, perhaps because there is so much space between them and the bikes, the bollards actually distract drivers from seeing moving bicycles, particularly crossing Folsom. He says Canyon and Folsom was the only dangerous part, but now other intersections have become dangerous too. The distracting polls eliminate a place for cars to go to avoid collisions, a lane for pulling over if stalling or stopped by a cop or a fire engine. |
| Please be aware that all decisions effect a member of the community |
| Please include landscaping in all development - buildings, etc. What would Boulder be without green trees, flowers, bushes? |
| Please stop growth & new building in Boulder |
| Preserve our existing neighborhood. |
| Rely on professionals to inform the process. Share what the professional know |
| responsibility, accountability, integrity, ethics, safety, honor, efficiency, discipline, service, kindness, togetherness, fidelity, effort, affordability, grammar, cleanliness, environment. |
| SLOW DOWN the Growth! Especially jobs. Get more out of RTD BEFORE any new development in Transit Village Who Planned Boulder Junction? |
| Study the example of Cambridge, England in order to create a very creative + productive business environment |
| Tax the workers that commute in / pollute / use our amenities |
| Thank you! |
| Thanks for holding this event. |
| The current City Council has ignored the existing master plan, which tried to preserve the small-town feel of Boulder + its trait of belonging to the natural & farming environment in which it sits. The runaway development is destroying what made Boulder great & brought so many of us here. |
| The open space between Gunbarrel & Boulder should be considered for low density residential. |
| The quality of life has diminished considerably since 1979 when I moved to Boulder for college: It's crowded, congested, and no longer a peaceful place. Boulder has become La Jolla, a rich people's amusement park. For the first time since I moved here, I find Longmont a more attractive place to live. |
| They allowed a lot of new high tech jobs without considering the effect on housing prices and availability. High tech companies such as Google and Apple could have gone to other towns/cities that needed a shot in the arm for their economy. Boulder already had many high paying jobs. |
| Use Open Space Tax as a model to address affordable housing for the future as alternative to profit driven growth. look for opportunities to transform profit driven health care & mental health care to better address human/personal needs |
| Why is 30th street east of the university so ugly and neglected compared to other areas? What will be done to beautify this concrete corridor? |
| Yes. More co.housing! As a permaculture designer, I have many ideas! |